



# AGAWAM

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### "Old-Timers" Gather For 35th Reunion



THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1950 gathered together for their 35th reunion on Saturday, April 27th, at Oak Ridge Country Club. (See related group photo on Page 38). Committee members responsible for the event were, from left - John Mercadante, Barbara Liptak Riggot, Thelma Coughlin, Jacqueline Cowles Fenton, Rita Shea Cloverhouse, and Dom DiClementi. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

### Leonard House Has Successful Tag Sale



THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CAPTAIN CHARLES LEONARD HOUSE held its Annual Spring Tag Sale on Saturday, April 27th, with all proceeds going to the upkeep of Agawam's most historic home. A bake sale was also held and here, from left - Esther Reynolds, Zelda Downey, Mary O'Connor, and Frank Hess prepare homemade desserts for the sale. Advertiser News photo by Jack

Devine.

### Council Sends Info About Gallano To DA's Office

by Stuart Parker  
Advertiser News Political Writer

Town Council has voted to ask Hampden County District Attorney Matthew Ryan to review the role of at-large Councilor Andrew C. Gallano in a pending law suit against the town filed by former Town Manager Edward A. Caba and 14 citizens.

The suit charges the council met privately or conversed over the telephone to discuss Caba's removal from office in February 1985, in violation of the state's open meeting law.

The council vote asks Ryan whether Gallano may have violated any state laws by playing an alleged role in the filing of the suit.

At presstime, Ryan's office has not commented on the matter or released any information pertaining to the council's request.

Several councilors told *The Advertiser News* following the vote that even if the district attorney's office reports that no laws were broken, they remain convinced the ethics involved are severely questionable.

Councilor Paul Trimboli, who initiated the action, noted that after reviewing the testimony taken from the plaintiffs in the suit, none had any knowledge of the council violating the state's open meeting law.

Also, a majority of the plaintiffs, when under oath at the office of Special Town Council Attorney Peter Brady, noted that a majority of the plaintiffs had been contacted by Gallano prior to the filing of the suit.

Last week, one of the plaintiffs, John DeBonville of Feeding Hills, demanded his name be stricken from the law suit.

DeBonville said he never consented to be part of the law suit and had two conversations with Gallano concerning the issue. DeBonville said that just prior to the testifying in Brady's office in December 1984, Gallano called him to assure that "everything is fine and there's nothing to worry about."

Following the testimony by the majority of the plaintiffs, Brady commented that it was apparent Gallano "may have been the spark" behind the filing of the law suit.

After the council voted 8-5 to send the matter to the district attorney's office, Town Council President Donald M. Rheault said, "It is apparent there has been a conspiracy between Councilor Gallano and Mr. Caba over the filing of the suit."

Trimboli said that in his testimony to Brady, Gallano at first refused to respond to the attorney's question about his involvement in the law suit.

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### Town Report Issue

*The Advertiser News* will be publishing the Annual Town Report issue on Wednesday, May 22nd. We remind our readers that the deadline for news is Friday, May 17th. There will be no exceptions. Advertising deadline is Wednesday, May 15th. Please call us at 786-7747 or 786-8137 if you have any questions about the issue.



## Caba Law Suit Again Debated By Council

by Stuart Parker  
Advertiser News Political Writer

Agawam Town Council delayed action on a request from Councilor Alfred Trehey that it delete the words "with prejudice" from a proposed settlement between the council and 15 plaintiffs over a law suit alleging a violation of the state's open meeting law.

The law suit, initiated in February 1984, followed the council's first attempt to remove former Town Manager Edward A. Caba from office.

The suit charges the council met privately or conversed over the telephone to discuss Caba's removal, in violation of the open meeting law.

At presstime, the law suit is scheduled to appear in Hampden County Superior Court on Thursday, May 23rd.

The case appeared settled this past March when a joint agreement between Attorney Theodore Dimauro of Springfield, representing the plaintiffs, and Special Town Council Attorney Peter Brady was approved by the council.

The settlement, which was initiated by Dimauro, was later rejected by him after the council added the phrase "to be dismissed with prejudice" to the agreement.

Councilor Trehey said he brought the matter back for reconsideration by the council last Monday night to delete the phrase "with prejudice" from the proposal, in order to increase the council's options.

Councilor Neil Blatt, who also is an attorney, argued against deleting the phrase from the settlement, stating, "These words make all the world of difference."

Blatt added, "A settlement without the words 'with prejudice' could allow the case to return in a different form. Leaving the words 'with prejudice' in the agreement would put an end to the matter altogether."

Councilwoman Dorothy Nelson, who voted against reconsidering the issue to delete the phrase, said she felt the suit was "not serving the town's interests from the outset."

Mrs. Nelson added that the council should ensure the issue was ended altogether to avoid additional legal expenses.

Councilor Andrew C. Gallano, who favored striking the phrase from the agreement, has asked that Brady be present when the council meets to take action on Trehey's proposal on Monday, May 20th.

Gallano also said he requested Brady's presence to determine whether counter-proposals had initiated from Dimauro's office after it rejected the agreement.

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Although the majority of the plaintiffs had stated they had been contacted by Gallano concerning the law suit, Gallano testified to Brady he could not recall contacting any of them prior to the suit's filing.

At first, Gallano told Brady, "I don't think I talked to any of them (the plaintiffs) regarding this particular suit directly."

"I believe there is a red herring among us on the council," Trimboli said. "A man (Gallano) who seems to have pulled all the strings, has cost the town huge sums in legal fees and considerable consternation for the orderly running of town government as a

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result of this.

Trimboli said he hoped the district attorney's office would review the testimony to determine whether Gallano might be found in question of "criminal wrong-doing."

"If nothing can be accomplished in this sense, I believe civil action would be in order to have Councilor Gallano make restitution to the town to cover the legal expenses."

Trimboli further noted that from the testimony of the plaintiffs, several testified they did not understand the actions they were asked to take would result in their being plaintiffs in a law suit against the town.

"If this testimony is accurate," Trimboli said, "all I can say is that it takes a man of pretty low moral character to deceive people like this."

Gallano has consistently declined comment on his involvement, stating he will not comment on any matter in litigation.

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Monday, May 20th  
Town Council Meeting  
Agawam Public Library  
8:00 P.M.

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## It's Not Summer Yet



**THOMAS & JOEY CASE of Hunting Lane, Agawam, decided to enjoy the sunny weather last week by cooling down with the garden hose.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Petroleum Expert Speaks To Ag. Rotary

The petroleum industry retains "a high interest" in drilling on Georges Bank if some of the more desirable tracts deleted earlier are restored in a future sale, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Petroleum Council told the Agawam Rotary Club last week.

Charles H. Shogren, a territory manager for Mobil Oil Corporation, told Rotarians, oil companies did not submit a single bid for the last sale in September, because the most promising tracts had been deleted. An earlier sale resulted in eight dry holes in 1981 and 1982.

"More than one half of the oil and gas yet to be found in this nation lies offshore," declared Shogren. "We wish to drill in deeper waters, in different locations, and we can certainly do so without harming marine life or the ecosystem.

"We believe we can find enough natural gas in the Georges Bank area to supply all of New England for several decades, and enough oil to produce the equivalent of what Massachusetts motorists would require for 20 years or more," said Shogren.

"But, we can't know for certain, and will never produce a drop, unless we are allowed to drill," he added.

Offshore drilling, the speaker said, lags far behind development in England and Canada, which have leased 60 to 90 percent, respectively, of their coastlines. The United States has leased on three percent.

"Just to maintain the present production rate of domestic oil in the year 2000, we have yet to discover three-fourths of the petroleum we shall need then," he said.

Most of the oil the nation will need, Shogren said, will have to come from offshore if the United States is to avoid heavier reliance on uncertain and expensive foreign imports.

The environmental debate has distorted in the public mind the record of offshore drilling. After noting that spills from offshore rigs are rare and have not hurt the fishing or tourist industries, Shogren said that only five one-hundredths of one percent of the oil in United States waters comes from offshore drilling.

The speaker reported that many technological advances on offshore rigs have minimized the risk from drilling, and companies must comply with three dozen environmental laws, secure 17 major permits, and comply with 74 sets of regulations.

## Walsh Says Town Gets State Energy Grants

Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) announced that the Town of Agawam has been awarded a grant from the State Facilities Energy Audit Program.

This grant, in the amount of \$7,025, will be used to conduct "technical energy audits" in several town buildings. The audits will be conducted in the Town Hall, Town Hall Annex, Peirce School, and the DPW buildings. They will also be conducted at the Granger, Phelps, and middle schools.

The State Facilities Energy Audit Program is administered by the Executive Office of Energy Resources. Established in 1981, its purpose is to assist communities with identifying energy conservation measures that can reduce energy costs.

Once the technical audits have been completed, communities are then able to apply for funds to implement the conservation measures that were identified.

There are currently \$5 million available for this purpose. In most cases, 30 percent of the grant must be paid back over a period of 10 years.

"I am pleased that Agawam was awarded this money for energy audits. Any grant awards are most welcome and will certainly help the town find ways to save on energy costs in the future," Walsh said.

## Town Hall Notice On Civil Service

Individuals interested in applying for Civil Service Labor Service in the Town of Agawam may do so at the Labor Service Office, located in the Town Manager's Office, second floor, Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Labor Service registration is valid for five years, subject to compliance with applicable provisions of Civil Service Laws and Rules.

Applicants who wish to renew their registration beyond that time are asked to contact the Labor Service Office (786-0400, ext. 201) for necessary information relating to renewal.

Failure to renew eligibility results in removal from the labor registration list.

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Dated this 1st day of May, 1985.

Information regarding this petition may be obtained from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Springfield between 8-10 a.m. tel. no. 733-9930.

PETITION NO. AG-1178

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Ursula Retzler  
Council Clerk  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

### Total documents for week ending April 26th

REGISTRY		LAND REGISTRATION	
Deeds	215	Deeds	10
Mortgages	294	Mortgages	13
Discharges	198	Discharges	9
Foreclosures	1	Foreclosures	0
Attachments	11	Attachments	0
Miscellaneous	507	Miscellaneous	21
Total	1,226	Total	53

Submitted by Donald E. Ashe

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# Editorial

Guest Editorial...

## Shorting Our Kids On Education!

by Walter Balboni  
School Committee Chairman

I would like to speak about the public schools in Agawam and what we must do to restore faith in our schools.

We have witnessed a decline in the support of our schools since the 1960's; so much so that Agawam has gained the dubious honor of being ranked 339th of the 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth in pupil expenditures.

In our community today, senior citizens, middle-aged couples whose children are no longer in school, and the increasing number of people who are living alone, as well as childless couples, and including town administrators, are focusing in on the area of local services they no longer feel they benefit from: namely, the public schools.

These forces now represent a majority in our local community, and continue to be a strong source of opposition to public schools.

We must be vigorous advocates of public education. All of us would not be in the positions we hold today, if we not committed to the education of our children; we are the direct result of that education. We need to work together to enhance education and to remind our community of the value of our school system.

### Schools Reflect The Community

Schools reflect the community of which they are a part of, and these are difficult times — difficult financially, and also for what we want and expect from our schools.

People want good schools and lower taxes, but continue to turn to schools for more functions — from immunization, therapy, family counseling, and family preparation, to drugs and alcohol education; all of which used to be performed outside the school — a far cry from the "3 Rs."

I reiterate the need for all of us to work together to guarantee that every child receives an appropriate and quality education in our schools.

Governor Dukakis has indicated that his top priority for 1985 is to increase additional state resources to the schools of the Commonwealth. He intends to commit additional millions of dollars to fund a new system of state aid to education.

We, the School Committee, Town Council, and administrators must guarantee that education does not take a back seat in the distribution of these funds, and must insist that any monies distributed for school finances, for education, be assigned for that purpose, and not for municipal purposes as in the past years.

This year an additional \$535,000 was added to our share of local school aid for a grand total of \$5,361,000 received from the state. However, Town Manager Kay Pisano has deemed it appropriate to take \$142,000 of these funds that were intended for school

use to balance the town side of the budget. This is cannibalism at its worse; we now start to feed on our young.

The School Committee has demonstrated responsibility and prudence in the preparation of its budget. We have closed schools, reduced staff, eliminated positions, curtailed transportation, and by necessity, reduced supplies, textbooks, and material accounts, and regrettably been forced to eliminate educational programs.

Last year, for example, because of budget cuts imposed by former Town Manager Edward Caba, students in several classes were required to leave textbooks for the next incoming class, a sad commentary for quality education.

No other town department can compare with the School Department in the amount of layoffs and elimination of positions; in the past several years, over 70 people have been terminated. Personnel and percentage-wise, this is higher than all other departments in the town combined.

The School Committee firmly believes that the town manager and administration must change the use of state monies labeled for education. You cannot continue to slash the school budget and attempt to balance the town budget on the backs of our school children!!!

### Show Political Courage

We, the School Committee, understand that you, the Town Council, cannot increase the manager's-submitted budget, but can show political courage and responsibility, by sending a message to the town manager that the school budget cuts are not acceptable and must be restored.

If not, then the council must share with the town manager the belief that education is too expensive for the children of Agawam. As responsible, elected officials, you must act to preserve what we have now.

We appeal to the citizens of Agawam for your help! We ask you to contact your councilman to express your views and encourage them to reject the budget as submitted.

We suggest you examine your tax bills for the past three years. Take note of the drop in the school tax portion of your bill, and become aware of the increase in the general tax portion. This will dramatically show the loss of financial support of our schools.

If these annual budgets continue, then a predicted crisis looms on the horizon. To complacently accept annual budget cuts will eventually jeopardize your children's education and those that follow.

We would all be best reminded of a statement by President John F. Kennedy, "Children properly educated are the world's most valuable resources and its only hope for the future."

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TOWN OF AGAWAM  
IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FIVE  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM AS FOLLOWS:

The zoning ordinance passed and approved on December 21, 1972, to take effect on January 1, 1973, entitled "Zoning" is hereby amended by changing from Business B to Residential A-3 for land located on the South side of Tennis Road, Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

Beginning as a point on the Southerly side of Tennis Road said point marking the Northeastly corner of property herein described and the Northwestly corner of land of Double D Realty, Inc., running thence S 31 40 11 E along land of Double D Realty, Inc. a distance of 150.58 ft. to a point; thence continuing along land of Double D Realty, Inc. and land of Cassidy S 7 16 54 E a distance of 606.14 ft. to a point at other land of Double D Realty, Inc.; thence turning and running along last named land S 52 34 08 W a distance of 147.38 ft. to a point; thence continuing along last named land S 63 12 26 W a distance of 177.18 ft. to a point; thence turning and continuing along land of Double D Realty, Inc. S 18 47 34 E a distance of 400 ft. to a point at other land of Brooks; thence turning and running along last named land N 75 25 03 W a distance of 319.28 ft. to a point and N 37 33 38 W a distance of 170 ft. to a point at other land of Double D Realty, Inc.; thence turning and running along last named land the following courses

N 52 26 22 E 125 ft.  
N 64 41 34 E 100 ft.  
N 23 52 33 W 300.05 ft.  
N 39 09 58 W 350.75 ft.  
N 83 02 35 E 208.51 ft.

and N 6-57-25 W a distance of 105.00 ft. to a point at other land of Voss Limited Partnership; thence turning and running along land of Voss Limited Partnership N 83-02-35 W a distance of 325.62 ft. to a point; thence continuing along last named land along a curve having a radius of 125.00 ft. an arc distance of 68.34 ft. to a point; thence continuing along last named land N 7-25-12 W a distance of 150.28 ft. to a point on the Southerly side of Tennis Road; thence turning and running along the Southerly side of Tennis Road along a curve having a radius of 325.00 ft. an arc distance of 50.41 ft. to a point at the place of beginning. Containing 7.69 acres of land.

Voss Limited Partnership  
Adopted by the Agawam Town Council on April 30, 1985  
U. Retzler, Town Council Clerk  
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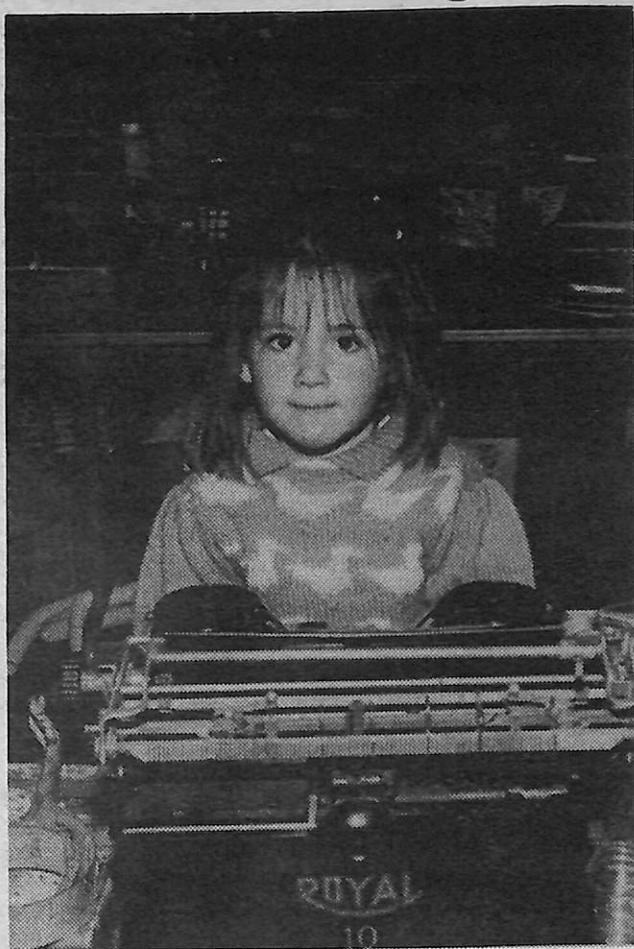






# Families

## All Smiles At Capt. Leonard House Tag Sale



**BOARD OF TRUSTEE** member Jeanne Webster (left) of the Captain Charles Leonard House is seated at the jewelry display at the home's Annual Spring Tag Sale on Saturday, April 27th. Standing is Elaine Smith. **IN PHOTO AT RIGHT**, Katherine Scully contemplates whether or not she likes this old Royal typewriter that was on sale. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### American Lung Assn. Offers Special Session

The American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts and its Better Breather Club are offering a special session on relaxation and stress management. The guest speaker will be Jeffrey Leighton, a hypnotherapist in Springfield.

The session will be held on Wednesday, May 15th, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., at the West Springfield Senior Center, 128 Park Street, West Springfield.

The program is open to the public, free of charge. Register by calling the Lung Association at 737-3506.

### La Leche League To Meet May 13th In West Springfield

Mothers who wish to breastfeed their babies will find encouragement and information at the Agawam-West Springfield La Leche League. The next meeting is Monday, May 13th, at 8:00 p.m., at 2285 Westfield Street (second floor), West Springfield. Nursing babies are welcome.

The League offers mother-to-mother help in a series of four monthly meetings based on the manual *The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding*. The meeting discussions include the latest medical research, as well as personal experience.

For further information, call Pat at 789-0661.

### Agawam Garden Club To Meet Tuesday, May 14th

The May meeting of the Agawam Garden Club will be held Tuesday, May 14th, at 7:30 p.m., at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Members of the West Springfield Garden Club have been invited to attend.

Plans for the annual plant sale to be held on Saturday, May 18th, at the Leonard House will be discussed.

Following the business meeting, Betty Johnson of South Hadley will present a program entitled "Journey to Land's End," featuring slides of the flower gardens in Southwest England.

Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend.

### Lori Tevelov Engaged To David Arnold Levitt

Lori Jeanne Tevelov and David Arnold Levitt, both of Houston, Texas, are engaged to be married.

An August 4th wedding is planned at Sinai Temple. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mrs. Ruth Thyberg of Agawam. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Julius Brenner of Longmeadow, and the late Lionel Levitt.

Both are graduates of Longmeadow High School. The bride-elect received an associate degree from Bay Path Junior College, and a bachelor's degree in special education from Westfield State College. She is employed as an elementary teacher in the Houston School System.

Her fiancé received a bachelor's degree in journalism from the Newhouse School of Public Communication, Syracuse University, and graduated from George Washington University with an MBA in marketing. He is employed as a marketing representative for Prime Computer.

### Christine Altobelli To Wed Mr. Sircar Of Springfield

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Altobelli, of 43 Mill Street, Agawam, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine, to Roger Sircar of Springfield.

Mr. Sircar is a graduate of American International College, with a masters degree in business administration. He is currently employed by the Prudential Insurance Company.

Miss Altobelli is a graduate of Agawam High School. She attended Westfield State College. She is currently employed at Heritage Hall Nursing Home.

An early summer wedding is planned.

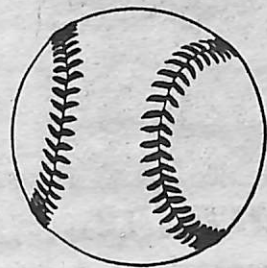
### Sacred Heart Rosary Society Installs New Officers

The Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church will have their installation of new officers and members during the celebration of Mass on Tuesday, May 14th, at 6:00 p.m. Father Santini, spiritual director, will officiate.

Mary Amellin, retiring president, will hand over the gavel to incoming president, Rose Moccio. Also being installed will be Mary Spinelli, first vice president; Nancy Doucette, second vice president; Jackie Jendza, secretary; and Kay Rau, treasurer.

Following Mass and installation, members and guests will go to Ernie's Steak and Sea Food Restaurant for their banquet. Penny Martineau and Jane Avis are in charge of the evening.

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## Laughing Brook Has 2nd Bird-A-Thon

Saturday, May 18th promises to be a big day for birds — and a big day for birders, too!

As part of the second annual Massachusetts Annual Bird-a-Thon, Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden will be sending out several birding teams to compete with teams from some of the other Massachusetts Audubon sanctuaries across the state.

Laughing Brook representatives can be anywhere in the Commonwealth and must see their birds on Saturday, May 18th.

There are several ways people can be involved:

**Support Yourself** - Take the opportunity to go through your neighborhood or among your friends to develop a support group for your personal birding effort in your neighborhood or across the state.

**Join a Walk** - Laughing Brook will sponsor a morning outing at the Sanctuary on May 18th. All participants have to do is solicit support and come along. It's possible that this more casual group will see 50 or more species.

**Join the Coastal Expedition** - This team going to the Massachusetts coast could expect to see well over 100 species.

**Support the Allen Bird Club Census Team** - May 18th is the Allen Bird Club Census of the Christmas Count Circle. The club has offered to bird for Laughing Brook that day.

Won't you help Laughing Brook? Funds raised from this Bird-a-thon with Laughing Brook teams will go directly to Laughing Brook to help produce programs for children, families, and adults; to support the resident wildlife and wildlife rehabilitation program; to help continue the landscaping efforts; and to support general sanctuary operations.

Even if you cannot join an active team, support Laughing Brook by pledging support for one of the teams or for the total number of different species seen by all teams on May 18th.

For more information about joining one of the birding teams or to pledge your support for this fundraising effort, call Laughing Brook at 566-8034.

## Brage-Iduna Lodge To Celebrate 87th Anniversary

Brage-Iduna Lodge No. 9, Vasa Order of America, a Swedish-American fraternal organization, will celebrate its 87th anniversary with two events - a dinner dance on Saturday, May 11th, and an anniversary meeting on Tuesday, May 14th.

The dinner dance will be at the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, with a dinner served at 6:30 p.m., and dancing at 8:00 p.m., to the music of Ed Hendela.

The dinner is in addition to the lodge's "Scandinavian Dance and Fun Night" scheduled for May 11th, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from lodge members, or by contacting Robert Ebbersten, 21 Havenhurst Road, West Springfield.

The anniversary meeting will be Tuesday, May 14th, in the Recreation Rooms of St. Paul Lutheran Church, corner Elm Street and Mapleshade Avenue, East Longmeadow.

Following the meeting at 7:30 p.m., the lodge will honor the following who have been members of the Vasa Order of America for more than 50 years: Lilly Streed (Springfield) will be a 77-year member, who joined Vasa when she was 16 years old; Ruth I. Johnson (Springfield), 69 years; Signe Neilson (West Springfield), 67 years; Elsie Johnson (Springfield), 65 years; Adella Olin (Springfield), 64 years; Mabel J. Fitzgerald (Agawam), 55 years; Ally Hollister (Springfield), 55 years; C. Stanley Sandin (Oldsmar, Florida), 55 years; Grace Terry (Enfield), 55 years; Arthur E. Grant (Easthampton), 54 years; and Arthur Skoglund (Springfield), 53 years.

Dignitaries will be recognized. An anniversary cake will be cut and refreshments served. Niclas Turja, a Swedish exchange student, will present a musical program and will lead in the singing.

## Ag. Women's Club Holds Year-End Banquet



**THE AGAWAM CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB** held its Annual Year-End Banquet at Da Vinci's Restaurant on April 22nd. New officers for the club in 1985-86 are, back row, from left - Mrs. Clyde Woodruff, Mrs. Stanley Fuller, Mrs. Lawrence Mogue, Mrs. Ralph Douglas, and Mrs. Clifford Cathepaugh. Seated - Mrs. Joseph Ferrari, Mrs. Bruno Maule, and Mrs. Louise Wallace. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**GIFT TO THE CAPTAIN LEONARD HOUSE:** A gift of \$100 was presented by Mrs. Clifford Cathepaugh, treasurer of the Agawam Women's Club (second from left), to Mrs. George Reynolds, a trustee of the Captain Charles Leonard House. Looking on are Mrs. Clyde Woodruff and Mrs. Bruno Maule, chairwoman of the annual banquet. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Congregational Merriweds Host Annual May Day Supper



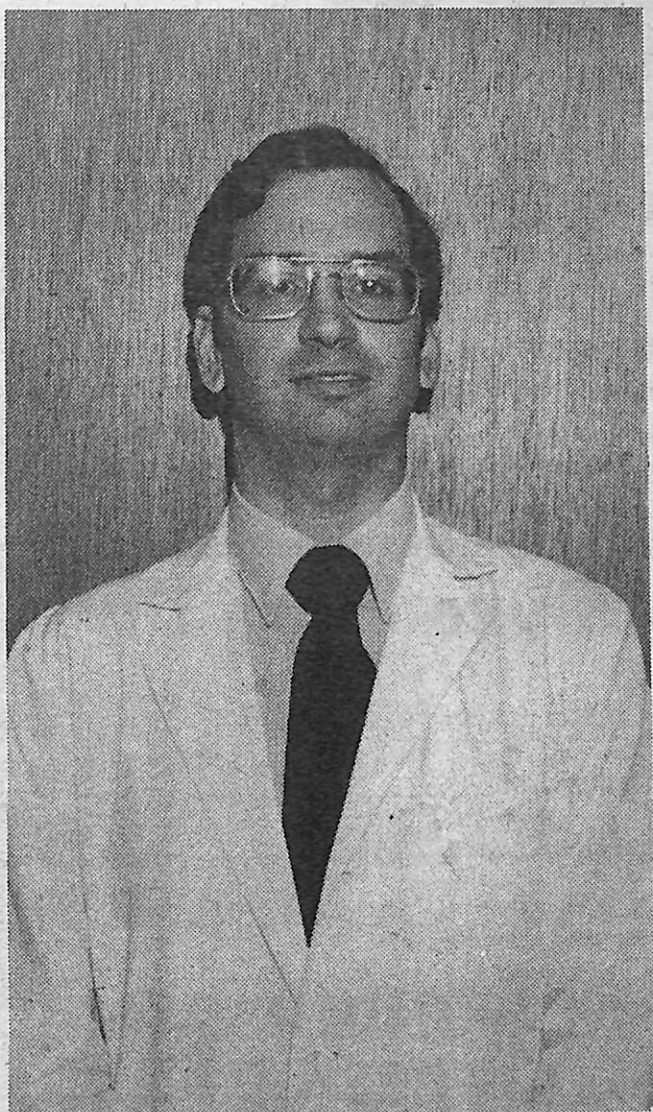
THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH "Merriweds" held their Annual May Day Supper last week and always on hand and smiling were kitchen workers Mary Jane Stuart (left) and Alice Moore. Advertiser

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BESIDES SERVING GOOD FOOD, the Merriweds also make handmade pillows and animals. This display greeted parishioners and townspeople en route to the Congregational Church cafeteria. At left is Natalie Whitmarsh and at right is Shirley Emerson. Advertiser News

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## Touchette Family Unveils Beautiful Jeff Allen Rest.

*It all began as just a "gleam in Dad's eye"...Jeff Allen...or should we say JEFF ALLEN's...*

by Penny Stone, freelance writer

Seven years ago, when the family of local caterer Bob Touchette opened a quaint family restaurant in the tucked-back shopping area next to Edwards Drug Store on Springfield Street, it seems they planted the seeds for future family endeavors which would grow and blossom into quite a thriving business venture both for them and for the town of Agawam.

### The Children's Undertaking

The cozy eatery, named after the youngest son of Bob and Dottie Touchette, of Columbus Avenue in Agawam, was basically their children's undertaking. Bright, energetic and compatible daughters Debbie and Linda co-own the business and work very closely together along with Jeff who learned to cook at the age of 12 and has been doing so off and on since. Youthful and efficient Mom helps out too, as do locals Karen Adams and Gail Curley, who've been with the family since the start.

In spite of their set-back location and limited parking, the cozy restaurant with its rustic, informal atmosphere, quickly developed a large following who, in turn, continued to spread the word about their reasonably-priced, family fare ranging from delicious and huge salad platters to hot and cold, foot-long grinders, to tasty and fresh seafood selections, to house specialties of the tortellini, spaghetti, manicotti, eggplant and veal variety. Diners were also able to partake of a variety of beers and wines to complement their meal.

### Outgrows Original Location

With all this great food and efficient service at fair prices, it was just a question of time before the booming business would outgrow its original space limitations and seek a new location with room for the necessary expansion. Fortunately for Agawam patrons, the ideal location was discovered not far from the original spot at O'Brien's Corner.

Actually, JEFF ALLEN's has taken a giant step across the complex intersection and moved into the recently-vacated, D.P. Sales location, diagonally across from Edwards Drug Store, where after months of planning and renovating, they are officially open for business.

Re-creating a conducive atmosphere was a labor of love for Touchette and co-workers Erwin Chapman and Bernie Paine. Floors were torn up; walls knocked out; ceilings re-hung, all with the goal of providing a pleasant and attractive dining area where patrons would feel right-at-home. Red brick paneling and rust-colored carpeting combine with comfortable, red booths and hanging lamps to create a restful and warm, friendly feeling.

### Familiar Cozy Atmosphere

"Regulars" of the original JEFF ALLEN's will recognize the familiar cafe-style curtains which now frame the three bay windows which look out onto the intersection of North and Springfield Streets (currently being reconstructed). Interesting memorabilia line the walls on a high, wooden shelf about the room; items such as copper kettles and a wall sculpture, decorative mirrors and a mantle clock, crockery jugs and old saws serve as effective conversation pieces while delicious food is aptly prepared in the brand-new and efficiently laid-out kitchen.

### Expanded Choices

The new JEFF ALLEN's is not only larger in dining area (having a seating capacity for about 75 people — 30 more than in their previous location) but the menu has been expanded as well. In addition to the previously-described selections, charcoal-broiled steaks and lobster are to be added. Four standard dinners are available Monday through Thursday for \$4.95-\$5.95, including beverage, with a standard fish special every Friday evening.

The wine and beer lists have been expanded also to include some 12 wines (two champagnes, reds and whites — \$5.50-\$10.00/bottle) and 12 beers (domestics like Budweiser, Plank Road, Miller High Life and Lite, premiums like the Lowenbraus and Michelob, four imports and Miller on tap).

Along with all the above space and food-selection improvements, the new JEFF ALLEN's also has two newly-built restrooms, comfortable air conditioning, tables as well as booths, pleasant background music and parking facilities next to the building for over 35 cars. They are open from 11:00 a.m. till 10:00 p.m. except on Sundays (when other developments are being planned for the future).

JEFF ALLEN's Restaurant was the recent recipient of television Channel 22's "Restaurant of the Week Award" and received a triple star rating for their delicious cuisine. Now that the Touchettes have the location and space to match, it will be no time at all before their doors again filled to overflowing, always a sign of an excellent eating establishment.

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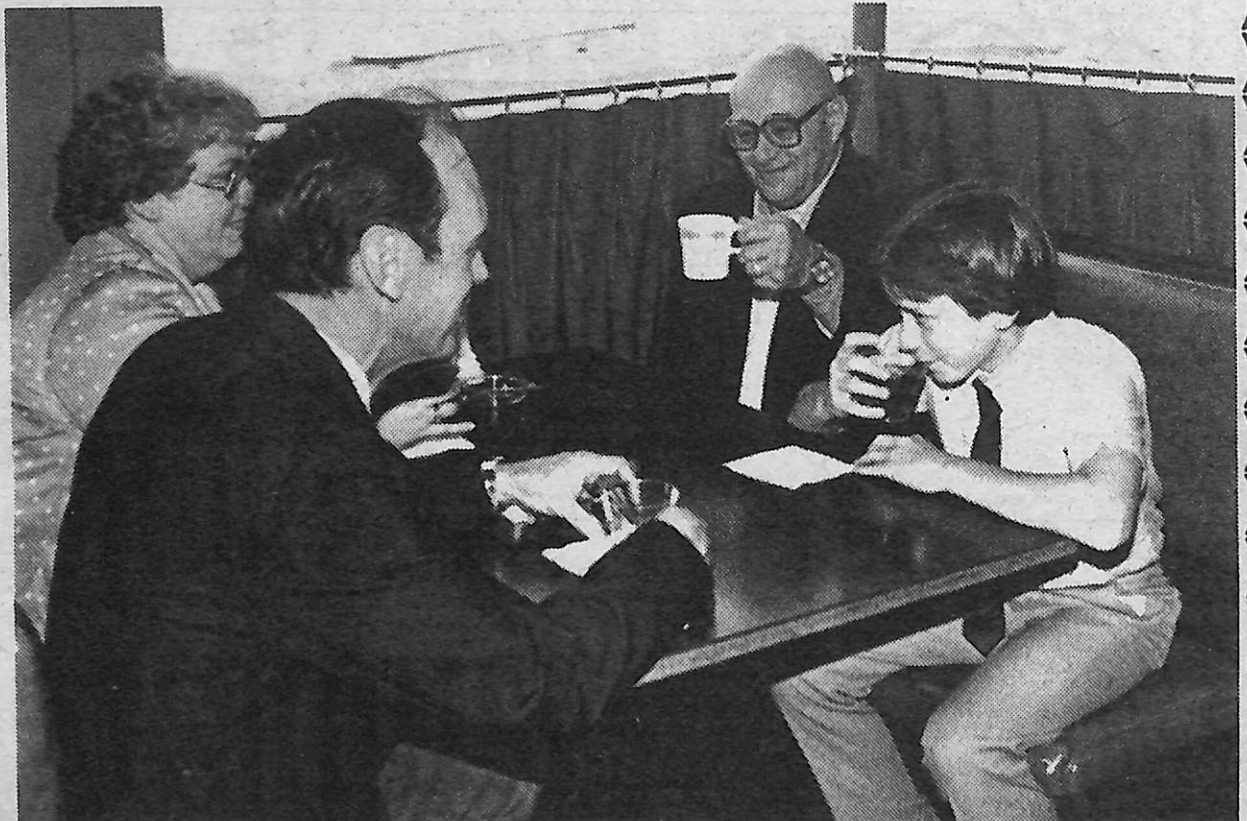


**THE TOUCHETTE FAMILY** is awfully proud of their new North Street, O'Brien's Corner Jeff Allen Restaurant. The happy family was all dolled-up to greet family, patrons, and friends at the Sunday, May 5th, open house. From left - Debbie Touchette Economidy, Dorothy, Robert, Lillian, Linda, and Jeff Allen Touchette. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**A TOUCH OF CLASS:** For their open house of the new Jeff Allen Restaurant, the Touchette Family treated everyone who attended to delicious desserts, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, champagne, and spirits.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**ENJOYING THE NEW JEFF ALLEN RESTAURANT** are friends and patrons of the Touchette Family. Seated at left at the "Bay Window" are Marcia & Bernie Paine. At right are Anthony C. Casso and Kevin Paine. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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# **MORE FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS** by Vi Massoia

Friends and Neighbors wish to extend belated birthday wishes to BEVERLY CROSS of Southwick Street, Feeding Hills.

To celebrate the event, she was taken to dinner at the Ivanhoe Restaurant. Bev is a clerk at the Feeding Hills Pharmacy. Her birthday was Monday, April 29th.

Not to take anything away from BEV CROSS' birthday, but she and her husband, EV, celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary on Wednesday, May 1st. They were married in Agawam in 1954 and are the parents of DIANE MELLONI of Feeding Hills, LARRY CROSS of Agawam, CINDY PARISIEN of Feeding Hills, and SUSAN McINTOSH of Ludlow.

They are especially proud of their children's offsprings who are ERIC and BRIAN MELLONI and RICHARD and VALERIE CROSS.

Sunday, May 12th is not only Mother's Day, but will also be the birthday of DEANNA MEZZETTI. Her family and FRIEND would like to say "Happy Birthday."

LOU & VI (BLAIR) MASSOIA (that's me, folks) will celebrate our 24th wedding anniversary on Monday, May 13th. We are extremely proud of "our three sons" SCOTT, BLAIR, and BRETT (B.J.).

Celebrating their 16th wedding anniversary on Friday, May 10th, will be WALTER and CHICKIE VALEGO of Meadow Street, Agawam. They are the parents of twins ANGELA and MARIA, and son, JOEY. Family and friends send their congratulations.



**ANTHONY SARACINO**

ANTHONY SARACINO of Meadow Street, a life-long resident of Agawam, has been recently promoted to assistant chief court officer in Hampshire County Superior Court.

"Tony" started as a court officer in Hampden County in 1978.

Congratulations Tony and best of luck.

Happy birthday to JEFF GAYLOR who will be seven years-old on Wednesday, May 15th.

This article comes from a very appreciative lady, ROSE MEZZETTI, of Pheasant Hill, Feeding Hills.

Rose would like to publicly thank all of her friends and neighbors; The Agawam Golden Age Club Chapter I, the American Legion Auxiliary 207, and the West Springfield and Agawam Senior Centers for all the lovely cards, flowers, and gifts she received during her recent stay at the Mercy Hospital.

She would especially like to thank all her relatives who were so devoted to her. Rose is now recuperating at home, re-reading the over-100 get well cards she received.

Have a speedy recovery, Rose.

This birthday message is being sent to a young fellow who will become a teenager (13) on May 8th. He is CARM MAZZA, a seventh grader at the Middle School.

Happy birthday, Carm, from your mom and dad, DIANE and CARM MAZZA and brothers JOEY and ANTHONY, of Granger Drive, Feeding Hills.

Friends and neighbors would like to say "Happy Mother's Day" to all mothers on Sunday, May 12th.

YOU ARE WELCOME to submit family, social, or neighborly tid-bits and happenings by calling Vi Massoia at 786-5785.

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## Jiffy Lube Customers Donate To Open Pantry

Customers of Jiffy Lube's four greater Springfield locations donated over 3,000 canned goods worth \$2,202 for the Open Pantry food program during a week-long promotion held earlier this month.

According to Patricia Connor, director of Open Pantry, average donations to the Emergency Food Program total \$1,000 in food items for a month. The Jiffy Lube donation more than doubled that amount, and will relieve a shortage of food goods which normally occur in summer months, she said.

With a donation of a canned good, motorists received a free car wash of \$2 off the regular price of a Jiffy Lube. The promotion included the North Main Street, East Longmeadow, Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, Memorial Drive, Chicopee, and Boston Road, Springfield locations, and was held from April 8th to 13th.

A Jiffy Lube is a ten-minute auto maintenance service including an oil and filter change, checking and filling of brake, transmission, battery, and other fluids, a car washing and vacuuming, among other items.

## Airman Michael Rivenburgh Assigned To Sheppard Base

Airman Michael A. Rivenburgh, son of Eugene E. and Betty A. Rivenburgh of 331 Springfield Street, Agawam, has been assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, after completing Air Force basic training.

During the six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

The airman will now receive specialized instruction in the aircraft maintenance field.

He is a 1985 graduate of Feeding Hills Christian Academy.

## Agawam High Class Of 1975 Planning 10-Year Reunion

It seems hard to believe but classmates of the Agawam High Class of 1975 have begun plans for the 10-year reunion.

If you are interested in being on a committee responsible for the gala event, the first meeting has been scheduled for Saturday afternoon, May 25th.

For further information, contact Marcia Atwater Barker, 786-3666 (after 5:00 p.m.) or Kathy Ayre, 786-6150.

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PETER CLARK (left) and Stephen Spinelli, franchises of Jiffy Lube, are with Patricia Connor, director of the Springfield Open Pantry Food Program. Jiffy Lube donated over 3,000 canned goods to the charity.

## Sandra Grant Named John Hancock Sales Leader

Sandra J. Grant of 935 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, was honored by John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company as a regional sales leader.

A member of the company's Holyoke district office, Ms. Grant was among 103 representatives from the company's northeastern region who qualified to attend the Regional Honor Club conference at Fairmont Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana.

John Hancock district agency representatives from 18 offices in the region were cited at the four-day conference for their sales achievements.

Ms. Grant is a 1975 graduate of Bay Path Junior College.

## Operation Friendship Sponsors Public Supper May 18th

There will be a public supper at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church on Saturday, May 18th.

On the menu will be roast beef, mushroom gravy, tomato juice, mashed potato, vegetable, salad, rolls, beverage, and chocolate cake with whipped cream topping.

The supper will be served at 5:00 p.m., with continuous servings to 7:00 p.m.

Donation is \$4.95. There will be a bake sale at the same time.

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10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 18th**  
Annual Book Swap  
Agawam Education Assn.  
Agawam Middle School  
9:00 a.m. to Noontime

**Saturday, May 18th**  
Public Supper  
Operation Friendship  
F.H. Congo Church  
5:00 & 7:00 P.M.

**Sunday, May 19th**  
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Another way to soften the federal income tax blow is through **tax-exempt mutual funds**. The primary objective of these funds is to generate current income free from federal taxes.

While these funds are managed like other mutual funds, the interest earned by the fund is passed on to the investor as tax-exempt income. A mutual fund is actually an entity that pools the dollars of many people and generally invests in a wide range of securities. Many mutual funds are relatively low risk because investors share in the profits and losses of the fund, according to the number of shares that they hold.

Tax-exempt mutual funds invest primarily in the bonds of state and local governments and industrial development bonds.

And, when capital accumulation or retirement security is a key concern, you may want to consider a **unit investment trust (UIT)**. A UIT is a professionally selected portfolio of securities, usually designed to preserve capital and achieve a high level of current income. UITs are offered in successive series, with each series representing an interest in a separate portfolio.

Traditionally, most UITs invest in tax-exempt municipal bonds. Investors gain a tax advantage through tax-exempt municipal UITs because they offer income exempt from federal income tax and, in some cases, from state and local taxes as well.

If liquidity is not a primary concern, **real estate limited partnerships** may be ideal for you. A limited partnership is a form of business organization consisting of general and limited partners. The organizer or manager is the general partner, and investors are "limited" partners — because their loss liability is limited to the amount they invest.

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In some cases, tax deductions can be claimed by the limited partners for depreciation, property taxes, interest on loans, and some expenses, such as certain fees paid to the general partner.

Take a serious look at the amount you're paying in taxes. It's now the ideal time to begin reducing next year's tax burden. Talk to a tax advisor or financial planner to determine which tax-favored investments are right for you.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO ANSWER YOUR FINANCIAL PLANNING QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT: CHARLIE ALVANOS (789-0957), 39 HIGH MEADOW ROAD, FEEDING HILLS, MA 01030.**

## Former Agawam Resident Marketing Director At Bank

Arthur J. Foley, Jr., of Rhode Island, an Agawam native and graduate of Agawam High School, has been named director of marketing for the Washington Trust Company.

Foley, formerly president of Financial Planning Group in Westerly, has had previous sales experience in marketing financial services on his own and with Kiddy Peabody & Co. and E.F. Hutton.

Foley will assume responsibility for the bank's marketing, public relations, and advertising efforts. A graduate of Ripon College in Wisconsin, Foley received his masters degree in economics from Syracuse University.

A certified financial planner, Foley is a member of the Southeastern Connecticut Estate and Tax Planning Council, and lives with his wife, Karen, and two children in Charlestown.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Foley, of 541-River Road, Agawam.

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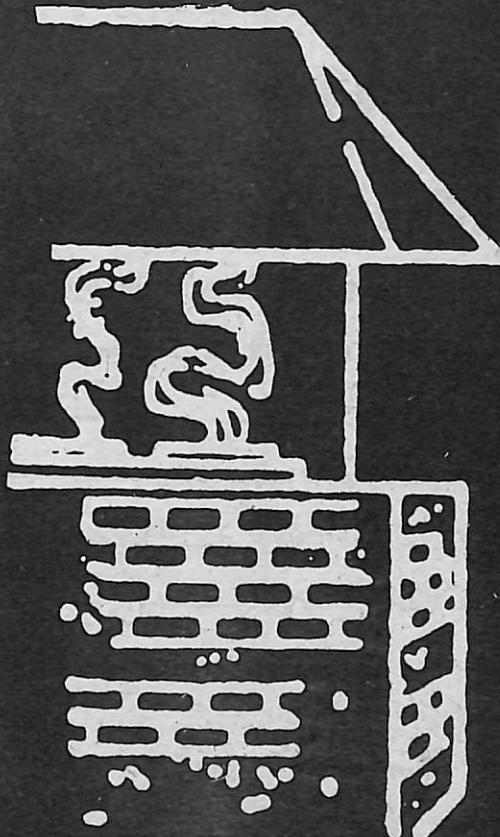
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## Agawam Obituaries

### Joseph Fortini

Agawam: Joseph Fortini, 73, of 111 Kensington Street, Feeding Hills, a retired 33-year machinist for the former Gilbert and Barker Company, West Springfield, died Wednesday, May 1st, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit. Born in Plymouth, he had lived here 34 years and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Jennie Zdaniewicz; two daughters, Jean Kenney of Springfield and Marjorie Robinson of Southwick; a brother, Louis of Springfield; two sisters, Agnes Torres of Agawam, Enis Blanchard of Holyoke; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. The funeral was Friday morning at Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

### Wilson H. Pierce

Agawam: Wilson H. Pierce, 62, of 38 Plantation Drive, a retired seven-year sales director for Valley Wholesale Company, West Springfield, died Thursday, May 2nd, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit. He previously was a 12-year sales representative for United States Gypsum Co., New York City. Born in Amsterdam, New York, he lived in West Springfield most of his life and here two years.

An Army veteran of World War II, he was former chairman of the West Springfield Republican Town Committee, and past president of the West Springfield Lions Club. He was a deacon at the Mittineague Congregational Church, West Springfield.

He leaves his wife, the former Ruth E. Rauer; a son, David C. of Boston; a daughter, Paul M. Parker of Westfield; three brothers, Donald C. of Westfield, Herbert E. of Gloversville, New York, and Gerald H. of Southwick; a sister, Beatrice Fanella of Knoxville, Tennessee; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service was Saturday morning in the church with burial at the convenience of the family. Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home was in charge. Donations may be made to the church or the American Heart Association, 393 Maple Street, Springfield.

### Air Force Captain Donald F. Benton, Jr. Brother Of Feeding Hills Resident

Naval captain Donald F. Benton, Jr., 35, beloved brother of Feeding Hills resident Clyde Benton, died recently in a plane crash near Honduras. Captain Benton was on a training mission, flying a A37 Dragonfly Bomber.

He was a member of the 111th Tactical Support Group of the Pennsylvania National Guard, and was a pilot for People's Express Airlines.

He leaves his wife, Christine, of Aberdeen, New Jersey; a three year-old daughter, Jennifer; his mother, Beatrice Benton of Grafton, Massachusetts, and his father, Colonel Donald Benton of Sacramento, California; four sisters, Hope Borghi of Columbus, Ohio, Maura Benton of Hanover, New Hampshire, Linda Benton of Northborough, Massachusetts, and Barbara Beck of Northfield, New Jersey.

The burial was Thursday, May 2nd, at St. Mary's Cemetery in Northampton.



AGAWAM UNICANS at the Agawam Food Mart last Friday, including Paul Ferrarini, project chairman. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### UNICO's "Lick-A-Pop" Off To Great Start

Agawam Unico of Unico National "Lick-A-Pop" drive got off to a good start this past weekend.

Twenty Unicans decked out with their orange straw hats and jackets, greeted the public with lollipops at various strategic locations in Agawam and Feeding Hills.

The townspeople responded generously for the mental health cause, and were glad to help.

The proceeds help those who are in need of help.

This coming weekend, May 10th and 11th, will close Unico's "Lick-A-Pop" drive for this year.

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### Laughing Brook To Offer A Night Hike On May 17th

Intrigued by the woods at night? Join Massachusetts Audubon's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden, on Friday evening, May 17th, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. for a "Night Hike." Pre-registration is required by Tuesday, May 14th.

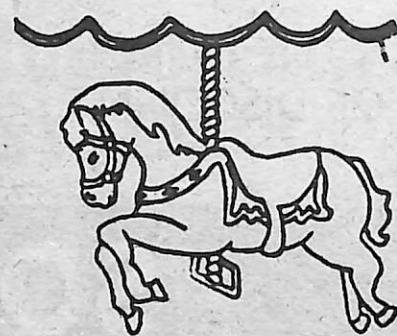
Individuals and families can share the sights and sounds of the night on this "Night Hike" at the Sanctuary. The woods at night have a magical quality that few people ever experience.

Beginning at twilight, to let one's eyes adjust to the deepening darkness, explore the nighttime woods; the realm of owls, flying squirrels, and the Milky Way.

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## News Activities At Agawam Senior Center

### "Recognition '85"

The 40-odd volunteers who assist at the Agawam Senior Center in various capacities were honored at a luncheon on Friday, May 3rd, at Storowton Tavern. Virginia Hennessey, who is coordinator of Volunteer Services, arranged the event, which was sponsored by local professional and business people.

The guest speaker was State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam). He emphasized the importance of the contributions made by the Senior Center volunteers and was happy for the opportunity to personally express his thanks.

A special guest was Bill Jackson from Boston, director of Community Aides for the Massachusetts Department of Elder Affairs. He brought greetings from his chief, Dr. Rowland, who, he said, had taken special pains to send the "best looking, most colorful representative he could find."

Jackson said it would take 1,000 words to express the value of volunteers in the Senior Center programs; "500 words would have to be 'thank you,' and 500 words would have to be to applaud you." No matter how much money is budgeted, there will never be enough to provide all that needs to be done, he added. Elder Services Corporation does reimburse for out-of-pocket expenses, but essentially, their work is volunteer service. The community aides working out of the state's senior centers (represented here in Agawam by Ginny Hennessey), volunteer many hours beyond their official work need. "It costs something to be a volunteer," Jackson said.

Also introduced was Executive Director of the Senior Center, Richard Mundo, who men-



**SOME 40 VOLUNTEERS** were recognized by the Agawam Senior Center on Friday, May 3rd, at Storowton Tavern. Some of the officials who attended were, from left - William Jackson, Department of Elder Affairs; Michael P. Walsh, Agawam state representative; Vera A. Conway, chairwoman, Agawam Council on Aging; Sandra Smith, Council on Aging activities director; Virginia Hennessey, community aide; and Richard Mundo, Agawam Senior Center executive director. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

tioned the activities provided by the Senior Center and thanked the volunteers for the many, many hours of assistance they provide. "You are an inspiration to all of us," he told them. Vera Conway, chairman of Council on Aging, was also introduced.

Responding for the volunteers, Ed Colby expressed thanks for the recognition and for the support of the staff and council. He spoke of the pride the volunteers have in the Agawam Senior Center.

Attractive gold pins, identifying each wearer as a "Senior Center Volunteer" were presented by Mundo, and by Sandra Smith,

Activities Director, as Mrs. Hennessey called the role and outlined the respective areas of assistance.

The success of the event is due to the contributions of the local sponsors and to the Senior Center staff. It was a wonderful way to spend a rainy afternoon.

### Walk For Fitness

A new Senior Center activity being organized is a program called "Walk for Fitness," to be carried out on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. If you are interested, please call 786-0400, extension 242.

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**SENIOR CENTER - From Page 14...**

The dates will be announced soon. Sounds like just the ticket for those of us who never seem to get around to scheduling that morning walk.

**Cheese Registration**

A reminder to those who have not yet signed up for the food commodities distribution. If you do not have a yellow card and are eligible to receive one, come to the Senior Center during May on Tuesdays, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., and on Wednesdays, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Next food distribution date is June 27th at the Senior Center.

**Fraudulent Charitable Solicitations**

Massachusetts Attorney General Francis X. Bellotti is alerting seniors to fraudulent charitable solicitations being carried on in the Commonwealth. If you have been subjected to intimidation, high pressure tactics, threats, or harrasing calls, you should report them to his office at One Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02108.

He offers some tips to help you determine whether a solicitation is legitimate. You can check with the Better Business Bureau. All charities must be registered with the Division of Public Charities. It is important that you **ask questions**, whether you are solicited by phone or by mail.

Be wary of a reluctance to answer reasonable questions. Make any contribution by check, and make the check payable to the charity, not to the solicitor.

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If you haven't visited the Senior Center Art Show, there is still time. The show will continue to Friday, May 10th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**HELP WANTED**

The Agawam Public Market is looking for part-time cashiers. General store work part of job. Please apply in-person. Located on the corner of Elm and Main Streets, Agawam Center. Ask for Jerry.



**OVER AT STORROWTON TAVERN on Friday, May 3rd, the Agawam Senior Center recognized its fine group of volunteers. At left, pictured with the volunteers is Sandy Smith, activities director. Next to Sandra are Germaine Fontaine, Marion Binnenkade, Ed Colby, Laura Dugan, and Virginia Hennessey.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

**Airman Tara Hazen To Serve At Barnes Airport**

Air National Guard Airman Tara M. Hazen, daughter of Donald R. and Zabelle K. Hazen of 53 Provin Mountain Drive, Feeding Hills, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force administrative specialist course at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Graduates of the six-week course learned how to prepare Air Force correspondence and reports, and earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

Miss Hazen is scheduled to serve with the 104th Tactical Fighter Group at Barnes Municipal Airport, Westfield.

She is a 1984 graduate of Agawam High School.

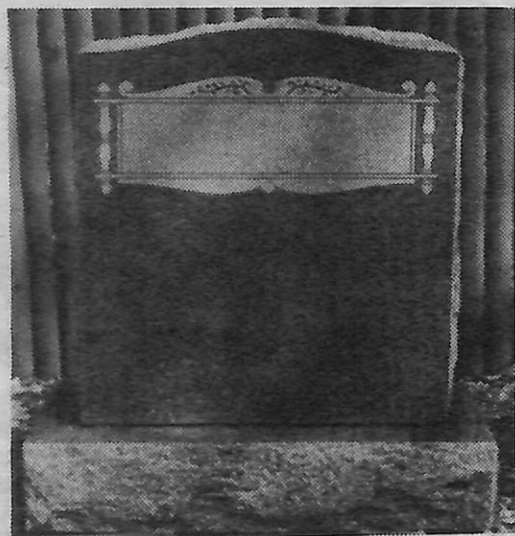
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**Metropolitan YMCA To Hold Big Tag Sale May 19th**

The Metropolitan Springfield YMCA Leaders Corps will be conducting a yard sale on Saturday, May 18th, and Sunday, May 19th, at Paucatuck Park, located on Dewey Street in West Springfield. It will be run both days in the Y's parking lot.

The purpose of this sale is to raise funds for the leaders' trip to the National Leaders Corps Convention at the University of Ohio in June.

Persons wishing to donate sale items may call the YMCA at 739-6951, extension 254, and ask for Mike or Dave. The YMCA will make home pickups the week prior to the sale.

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### Strange Phenomenon In Agawam-Feeding Hills

THE FOLLOWING IS PART IV OF A FIVE-PART SERIES BY LOCAL HISTORIANS MARILYN & DICK CURRY.

Among the various tales of natural phenomenon told us by old-time town resident Cal Cesan of North West Street, is a story concerning a small hillock that was clearly visible from Cal's boyhood bedroom window.

One summer evening we were visiting Cal and Marilyn Cesan, who reside in Cal's early 19th century Feeding Hills home, just below North Street Extension.

Cal and I were exchanging various tales of strange happenings when Cal informed me of a boyhood revelation, concerning a small hillock across the road, visible from his bedroom window.

At that time, the small hill was still within sight, although today a number of new homes have since been developed in the area.

"I can remember as a boy, during a thunderstorm, I would look out my window and stare at that mound, while repeatedly streaks of lightning would strike time and time again on the peak of the hill. I've often wondered if there is a deposit of iron ore within that hill, otherwise why would lightning strike so often and with such prediction?" Cal asked.

We're not surprised if the hillock does contain some magnetic attraction. In her town history, Edith LaFrancis makes mention of bog iron having been found within the area of Southwick and North West Streets. It is just possible that Cal's hillock does contain some metallic deposit worthy of attracting lightning!

In any event, it seems somewhat strange that just a few years ago we were called by one of the local and newly located residents who lived within sight of the mound (now Stony Hill Road).

But it was not the hillock that prompted the caller to request our going to the area, still under development, but rather a number of sandstones that seemed to have strange markings on their surface.

What at first we supposed might be relics of the Indian, we soon realized were not artifacts. The objects in question were of various sizes, but each and every one of them had similar markings.

The gentleman in question was well-educated, and having read a recent publication concerning various evidence of Viking origin, he felt quite strongly that the markings on the stones coincided with similar Runic writing found elsewhere in the United States.

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At first we were cautious, supposing the marks might have been the result of a farmer's plowshare as it grazed the surface stones. Still, it remained somewhat remote since these stones had been found deep beneath the diggings of the backhoe that went far below the surface of the topsoil.

#### Peabody Archaeological Museum Findings

After careful examination of the markings, many of which were similar, we contacted our friend, Dr. Garth Bawden of the Peabody Archaeological Museum at Harvard.

Unfortunately, Dr. Bawden's reply was short and to the point, stating that no evidence of Nordic culture had ever been found within this region.

Such a reply seemed incongruous with the extensive findings of this Peabody Survey team. This was the same group that had then recently surveyed Agawam and Feeding Hills, only to state that our region suggested a virginal site for the early existence of the local aborigines.

The Boston team had also strongly suggested that developers should tread cautiously, lest they destroy evidence of these early cultures.

During our investigation of the region, we chanced upon a small pond, near the site of the hillock, close to the swampland on North Street Extension. There is evidence to substantiate this pond, small as it may appear, was at one time of considerable size. What surprised us most were the number of large-sized bullfrogs that abounded in the area. Although this in itself seems unrelated to the finding of these stones and the adjacent hillock, their proximity makes one wonder if at some ancient time, before the advent of the European, this particular region of Feeding Hills might not have been the site of some importance regarding an earlier life.

#### A Strange Whirring Sound Just Overheard

It is not surprising that with the stories of strange observances in the sky of recent years, many people are quite used to any unusual sightings that sometimes appear in our evening skies.

Without doubt, most of these so-called phenomenon can be easily attributed to natural causes, but there always remain the few occasions when a simple scientific explanation is not so readily acceptable.

One such occurrence took place in the vicinity of Southwick and North West Streets, during a brisk fall evening when the sky was as black as pitch.

At that time we owned a giant 250-pound St. Bernard. We were told that this easy-going dog had a bite equivalent to 500 pounds, yet he was as friendly as one might expect.

As usual, one of us would take him on a nightly walk

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of the property, just prior to his going to bed. On this particular occasion, the trip was on schedule. It must have been around 10:00 p.m. As my wife let "Brandy" lead her about, they came to the driveway facing Southwick Street.

Without warning, the huge animal began to growl in a manner most unbecoming his nature. His mistress, sensing no apparent or visual danger, began to pat Brandy on the nape of the neck only to realize the hair was bristled.

At this very moment our neighbor, who lives just across the road, was also walking his dog. Exchanging the usual "Good Evening," the man inquired if his neighbor's dog was acting strangely. The answer was an emphatic "yes!" Neither owner noticed anything uncommon.

It was then that both people heard a strange whirring noise that seemed to come from just above a tall maple tree that was still in leaf. "Do you hear that?" inquired the man. "Yes, but what is it?" replied my wife.

Neither neighbor could manage to discern anything unusual, let alone discover the source of the strange sound. Then, just as rapidly as the dogs had sensed an ominous presence, they seemed to regain their normal composure.

#### Strange Experience

My wife entered the house and relayed the strange experience, whereupon I went outside. Indeed the sky was black, save for the twinkling of only a few distant stars. The air was crisp with the advent of fall, yet nothing seemed more than normal.

However, I did sense a very strong odor of some type of fuel...somewhat like that of diesel fuel. The air seemed permeated with the smell and it actually brought about a burning sensation to the nostrils. Peering as best I could into the darkened sky I could find no evidence of a plane, nor for that matter, nothing other than what nature provided.

At the time of this strange and probably simple explained phenomenon, New England newspapers had carried several stories of strange sightings in the heavens.

Other than the usual observance of the Northern Lights in the same vicinity, we have never had reason to question the existence or non-existence of such stories. Still, we were most reluctant to describe the strange experience. What it was and what it represented is still to be questioned.

At the time of this incident, Feeding Hills was still undeveloped, or at least within this western sector.

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Heritage Hall has scheduled a variety of special activities and events, and invites the community to join with us during this week of celebration.

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

**Tuesday, May 14th:** South—2:00 p.m., Sing-a-Long with Vera Conway; West—3:00 p.m., Spanish culture.

**Wednesday, May 15th:** West—11:30 a.m., Inter-building Bowling Tournament.

**Thursday, May 16th:** All buildings, Employee Recognition Day; West—10:00 to 11:30 a.m., bake sale.

**Friday, May 17th:** North—10:30 a.m., a musical presentation by Sally Lowell and elementary school children; South—6:30 to 8:00 a.m., spring dance featuring the "S.D.J.S."

**Sunday, May 19th:** South—2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Silver Tea and Hobby display.

## Marian Center Offers One-Day Spring Retreat

"Spiritual Spring-Cleaning (So That Hope May Grow)," will be the theme of a one-day retreat for women to be conducted by Father Isaias Powers, C.P., at the Marian Center in Holyoke, Saturday, May 18th, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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Most do not need extra encouragement since it is so natural to weep in sorrow. It is not unmasculine to cry at the death of a loved one or a dear friend. It's a misconception that "big boys shouldn't cry."

This is all a part of the early 20th century training in the old school of the "stiff upper lip" and "grin and bear it."

If there is an emotional hurt, then the pain should be recognized, acknowledged, and expressed; in this case, through tears.

Please feel free to share your thoughts with us. Your questions and comments are welcome.

## FIRE-WISE

by Rusty Jenks  
Agawam Fire Chief

### Mower Safety Is A Must

The Agawam Fire Department reports that over 62,000 persons are injured annually in lawn mower accidents. Many of these injuries are burns caused by careless use of the mower. Before using or cleaning your mower, follow these safety tips:

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5. **Leave blade** sharpening and electric repairs to professionals.

6. **If you do your own cleaning** and tune-up, disconnect the spark plug or remove it before beginning. If a blade is turned by hand, the mower can start if the spark plug is still intact.

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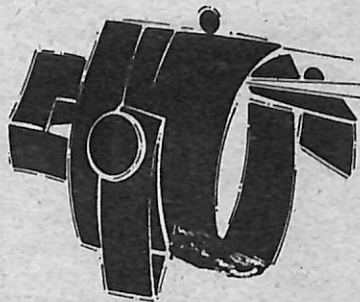
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**GERALD E. FITZGERALD** (left), of East Longmeadow, and Springfield's **Paul Robbins** have recently opened an advertising, marketing, and public relations agency in Springfield.

### Jeff Allen Braintrust



**JEFF ALLEN RESTAURANT** held its open house on Sunday, May 5th (see related pictures, story, Pages 9 & 18). Here, members of the Touchette Family, **Debbie Economidy** (vice-president), **Jeff Allen Touchette**, the restaurant's namesake, and **Linda Touchette**, president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Noble Hospital Offers Free Health Screenings

Noble Hospital will offer free health screenings on five successive days, May 14th to 18th, and a three-part CPR program, starting May 11th. All programs will be held from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., in the Staff Development Office.

On May 11th, 18th, and 25th, certified instructors will provide training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Participants must attend all three sessions.

For further information on the health department screenings or CPR program, call **Joseph Barako, R.N.**, director of Staff Development, at (413) 568-2811, extension 421.

### FitzGerald & Robbins Open New Advertising Agency

A new advertising company, **FitzGerald and Robbins Inc.**, has officially opened, serving Greater Springfield, it was announced today.

The agency, which will handle advertising, marketing, and public relations clients, is headed by **Gerald E. FitzGerald**, 36, of East Longmeadow and Springfield native **Paul J. Robbins**, 29.

FitzGerald is a graduate of Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism in Evanston, Illinois, with a master's degree in advertising. He also has a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Massachusetts.

In addition to working as an instructor of marketing and advertising in the evening division at Springfield Technical Community College, FitzGerald has worked as an account executive for the past seven years at **WHYN Radio** in Springfield.

FitzGerald, a Vietnam veteran, is married and the father of one child.

Robbins has worked for several years in Western Massachusetts as a political and public relations consultant, and has a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts in political science.

Robbins has worked as a campaign or media consultant to Governor **Michael Dukakis**, State Senator **Linda J. Melconian**, Chicopee Mayor **Richard S. Lak**, Springfield Mayor **Richard E. Neal**, State Representative **Paul E. Caron**, and Hampden County Commissioner **Thomas J. O'Connor**, among other political clients.

Robbins has also worked on a variety of public relations accounts, including **Continental Cablevision**, **Healthtrax International**, and the **Melha Shrine Circus**.

The former chief aide to the Springfield City Council, Robbins is a member of the **American Association of Political Consultants** and the **Valley Press Club**.

The agency will offer a full range of services to clients including graphic design; radio, television and film production; organization and implementation of marketing plans; and creation of public relations strategy.

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**AGAWAM RESIDENT CHARLOTTE TABIN**, a 1968 graduate of Agawam High School, is a "wizard with the scissors," according to one customer. Mrs. Tabin is the owner and operator of Hair Spectrum, located at O'Brien's Corner. She is a graduate of the Mansfield Beauty Academy. Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.

## Western Mass. Hospital Celebrates National Hospital Week

"LIFEWORX," the theme for National Hospital Week (May 12th to 18th) this year, is an especially appropriate one for Western Massachusetts Hospital, which celebrates its 75th anniversary with a Friday, May 17th, rededication ceremony at 2:00 p.m., on the south lawn adjoining the main building on East Mountain Road.

This event, which also marks the 35th anniversary of the hospital's School of Practical Nurses, will be attended by Deputy Commissioner of Public Health Stephen Havas, M.D.

Hospital Executive Director Blake M. Molleur will host the many public officials, former employees, and friends of this public health facility in attendance to celebrate the occasion. Special congratulations will be

extended by State Representative Steve Pierce (R) and Senator John Burke (D).

Father Edward Kroyak, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, and longtime hospital chaplain, will officiate at the rededication. Loretta Mack, medical records librarian, and the hospital's senior employee with 44 years service, will speak on behalf of employees.

Open to the public, the diamond jubilee gala will serve to highlight the role the hospital plays in providing care to the chronically and terminally ill, the handicapped, and the undeserved.

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## "Wizard With The Scissors" - Hair Spectrum

by Dorine Kubik  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Hair Spectrum, a compact beauty salon, is tucked away at 293 Springfield Street in Agawam at O'Brien's Corner.

Owner and operator of the shop is Charlotte Tabin. She is a "wizard with the scissors" and offers clientele the latest in hair styles. The shop has been open 3½ years.

### Attends Style Classes Regularly

During an interview with Mrs. Tabin, she said, "We take classes with David Whitman in Vermont. He offers cutting classes on newest styles and new techniques. They are better than any show you can go to."

One of the latest styles for this summer is great for fine textured hair, giving it a thicker look. "The hair," Mrs. Tabin explained, "is all one length. But instead of going back like hair has been worn, the hair is all going forward and wispy. They call the new style fast forward."

Women's styles will be worn shorter this summer, she added.

### Staff

Working with Mrs. Tabin are two talented beauticians. Marie Nardi is from Agawam and she has had over 18 years experience in the hairdressing business. She has been at Hair Spectrum for two-and-a-half years. New to the shop is Carol O'Keefe, also of Agawam.

"We are a typical neighborhood shop," Mrs. Tabin said. "Everyone meets and knows each other." The atmosphere here is very homey.

### Services

Prices at Hair Spectrum are very reasonable. Style hair cuts are \$8. For a new style haircut and blow dry (using curling iron) the price is \$16. Senior citizen discounts are offered all day on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

Besides women, the shop caters also to men and children. "We do not have any particular specialty," Mrs. Tabin said. "We do a lot of perming, cutting, washing and setting." Professional services offered include shampoo and sets, shampoo and blow dry, haircuts, tint retouch, double process retouch, loving care, waxing, conditioning treatment, frostings, and perms. The typical perms offered are the popular Redken and Zotos.

Hair Spectrum also offers all of the Redken hair products and a new line — Paul Mitchell. "Paul Mitchell is an excellent product," Mrs. Tabin said. "They have a quick, fast-drying hair spray if you want hair to stand up straight."

As for the service at Hair Spectrum, the customers "are always right."

"I can't say enough about Charlotte," Mrs. Louise Ferrarini of Reed Street in Agawam said. "I've been coming to her for 15 years!" Mrs. Ferrarini is the wife of Agawam's popular civic leader Paul Ferrarini. She was watching our photographer, Jack Devine, take Charlotte's picture with another customer while waiting to have her own hair done.

Mrs. Tabin is the former Charlotte White of Alhambra Circle, Agawam. She now lives on Kanawha Avenue with her husband, Ted, and daughter, Tonya, and son, Teddy. Both children attend the Agawam Middle School. Mr. Tabin is a supervisor at Turbo Technology in Windsor.

Mrs. Tabin was born in Hartford, but lived in Agawam most of her life. She is a 1968 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1969 graduate of Mansfield Beauty Academy in Springfield.

For six years she was employed at the former Chez Alice on Walnut Street Extension, and five years at Beauty Boutique on Maple Street. "After my children were both in school all day," she said, "I decided to open Hair Spectrum."

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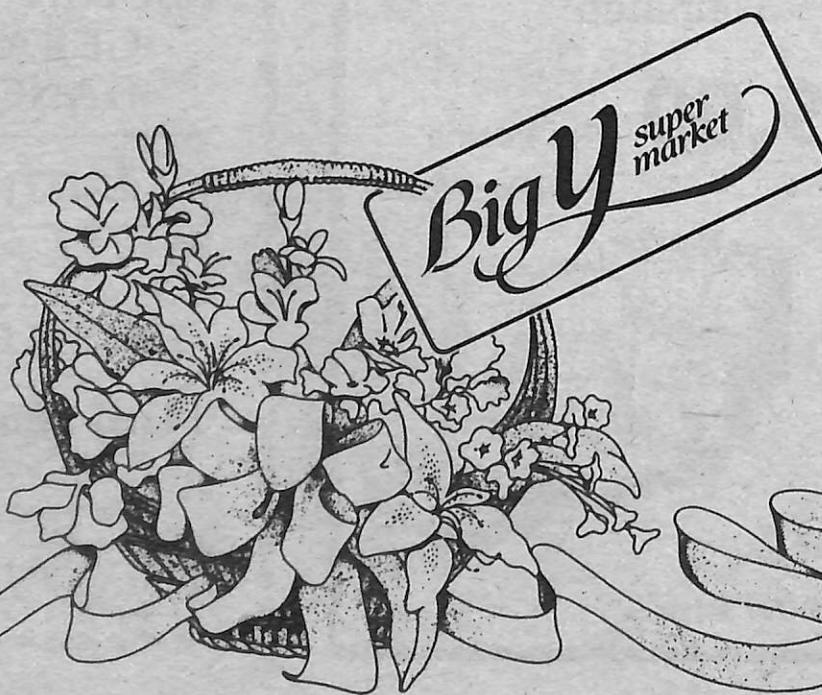
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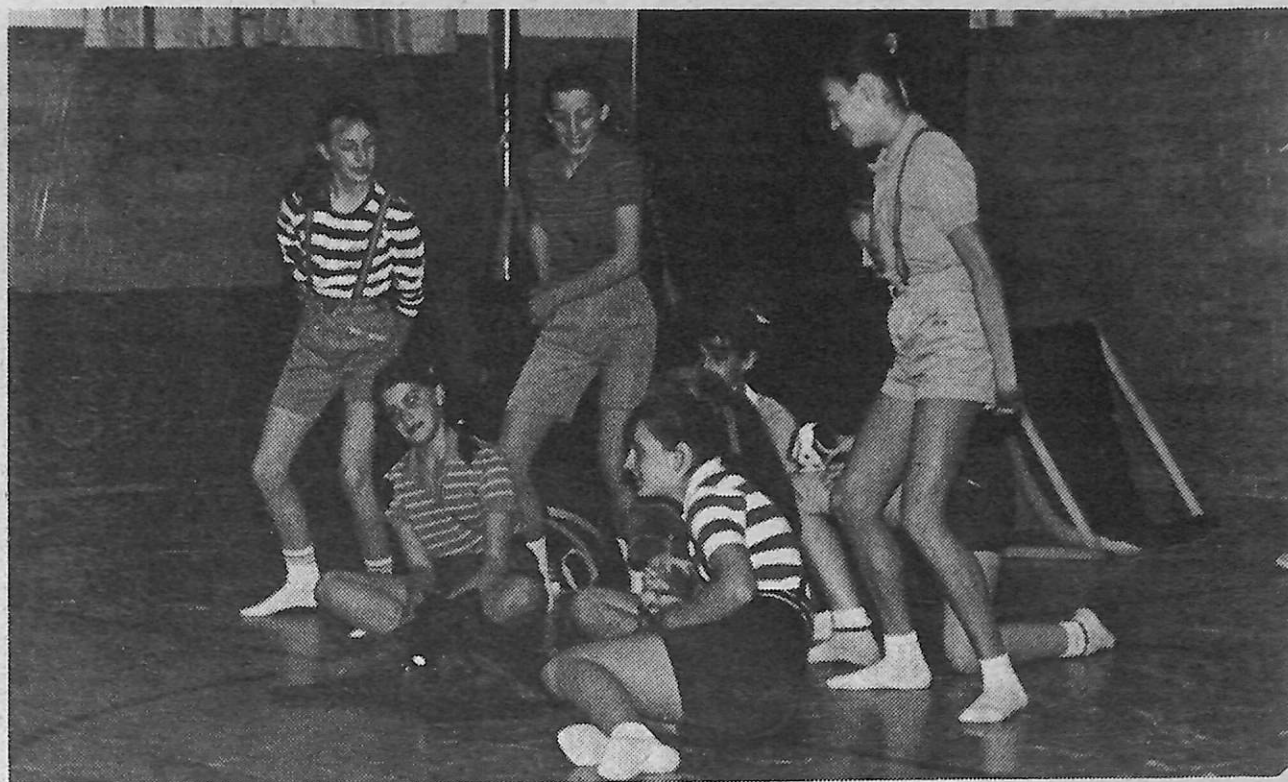
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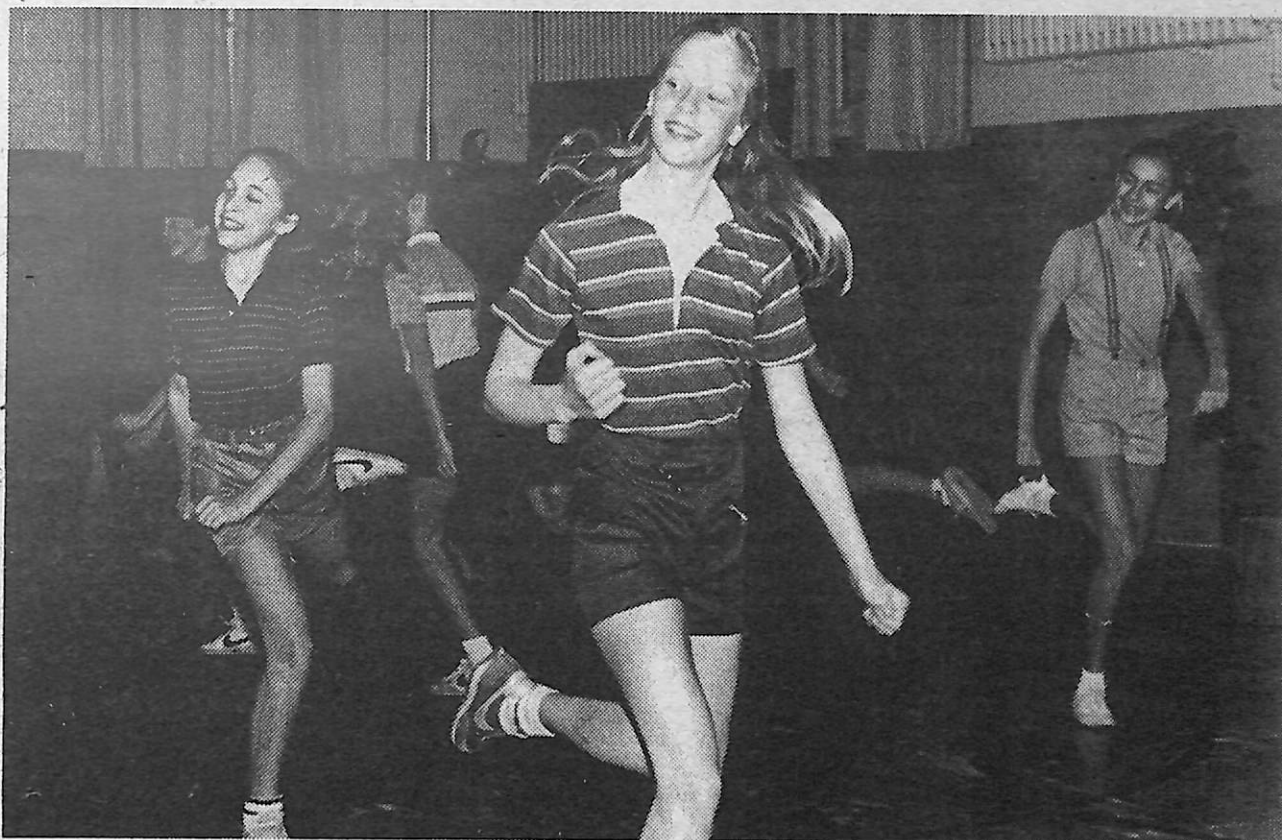




# Schools



ON FRIDAY, MAY 3RD, about 300 students at Phelps School in Agawam witnessed a two-show performance by the Pioneer Valley Ballet Company. One performance was entitled "Going Camping," and the second performance was called "Al Boutique Fantastique" (The Fantastic Toy Shop). The Pioneer Valley Ballet Company is located in Northampton. The company conducts auditions every September, and is open to all area students. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



## Phelps School Views Ballet Performance By Local Troupe

by Alexis Ferioli  
School Department Editor

Over 300 students in grades K-5 at Benjamin Phelps School witnessed a two-show performance by the Pioneer Valley Ballet Company Friday, May 3rd, in the school auditorium.

The first performance, entitled "Going Camping," recounted the adventures of eight young campers from their initial arrival at the campsite to their departure for home.

The junior ensemble performed several dances to the contemporary country music of John Denver and the Muppets.

While the eight young dancers changed costumes for their next performance, ballet director Gail Collins invited several audience members to come on stage and learn some of the dance steps performed in the ballet.

Among these were the skip, gallop, and polka. Moreover, another group of students volunteered to be musicians and clapped in accompaniment as the first-time dancers performed.

For their second show, senior and junior ensemble members performed the ballet "Al Boutique Fantastique" (The Fantastic Toy Shop).

Twenty dancers artistically recreated the story of a toykeeper who (together with his assistant) brings his dolls to life. Some of the doll dancers skillfully portrayed included rag dolls, cossack dolls, french poodles, a gypsy doll, a french doll, the queen of diamonds and the queen of spades dolls.

School Principal William Miller thanked the ballet company for visiting Phelps School and for sharing their talent with his students.

"It always amazes me how excellent performers can make difficult tasks appear so easy. Today's show was a fine example of that excellence," he remarks.

Ms. Collins explains that the Pioneer Valley Ballet Company was originated by her twelve years ago as an off-shoot of her dance studio.

Comprised of a junior, senior, and adult ensemble, the company performs the "Nutcracker" annually at many area schools as well as a spring concert program.

Located in Northampton, the company conducts auditions each September.

Open to all area students who possess a background in classical ballet, the company adequately prepares students who desire to continue dance in college or professionally in New York City.

Ms. Collins proudly reports that her company has been selected to dance at the gala performances of the North East Regional Ballet Association in Dover, Delaware, Saturday, May 31st.

Anyone desiring further information concerning the Pioneer Valley Ballet Company may contact Ms. Collins at 586-4142.

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## Best School News...

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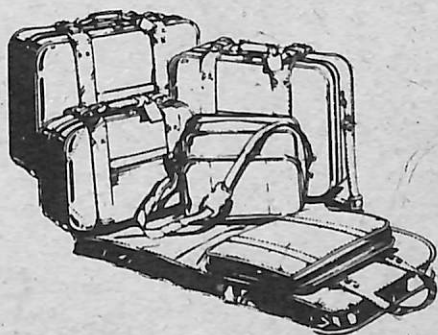
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## "On Our Way To Washington D.C...."



ON THE APRIL SCHOOL VACATION, students of the Agawam School Safety Patrol took their annual trip to Washington, D.C., with Police Safety Officer Al Longhi. Sergeant Longhi wishes to publicly thank all the town agencies, clubs, businesses, and individuals for their support of this memorable three-day trip.

## Phelps P.T.O. Host "Teacher Appreciation"

On Wednesday, May 15th, Phelps School P.T.O. is having a "Teacher Appreciation Day" in honor of "Community/School Interaction Week." We are looking for volunteers to spend a few minutes with a class or group of children to give the teachers a short break.

You can read a story, do an art lesson or share your hobby, special skill or interest in something. You can take over lunch or recess duty.

Any time you can donate on this special day will be greatly appreciated by all concerned. If you can help, please call Fran Cornwell 786-7159 or Pat Bertone-

Gross 789-0379.

The P.T.O. is honoring the following teachers: Mary Ann Czerpak, Janis Noyes, Sylvia Sullivan, Gloria Sheiber, Patricia Kallfa, Jane Sauter, Eleanor Case, Janet Wysocki, Elizabeth Robinson, Robert Shea, Celia Ucella, Louis Spiro, Josette Bouchie, Nancy Hellquist, Bonnie Campbell, Nancy Tromblay, Susan Dukeshire, and Joan Carra.

Also, Barbara Daborowski, Susan Fay, Maria Balzani, Kathy Reid, Ann Bradford, Lee Files, Dorothy Hegarty, Sally Lowell, Christine Marek, Jack Michalak, Ted Tudryn, Thais Wright, and Eleanor Lambertini.

## Agawam Schools' Lunch Menus

**Monday, May 13th:** Cheese pizza, tossed garden salad with Italian dressing, chilled peaches, milk.

**Tuesday, May 14th:** Cup of soup, toasted bologna and cheese sandwich in roll, buttered mixed vegetables, white cake with blueberry topping, milk.

**Wednesday, May 15th:** Hamburg in roll, steamed rice, buttered broccoli cuts, cheese fingers, mustard, relish, ketchup, chilled applesauce or chocolate pudding with milk.

**Thursday, May 16th:** Baked hamburger and macaroni in tomato sauce, creamy cole slaw, buttered Italian bread, applesauce or jello with whip topping, milk.

**Friday, May 17th:** Filet of chicken sandwich in roll, mayonnaise, macaroni salad, buttered green beans, cherry crisp, milk.

## Chapter 766 Workshop Sponsored By P.A.C.

The Agawam Parents Advisory Council for Special Needs Children is sponsoring a workshop on Chapter 766. Chapter 766 is a law that deals with the education of all special needs children.

Linda Estes, from the Massachusetts Regional Office of Education in West Springfield, will conduct this workshop on Tuesday, May 21st, at the Agawam Junior High School Library (second floor), 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Topics of discussion will include: individual educational plans (I.E.P.), team meetings, parents' and children's rights under the law, and functions of the regional office.

Following the workshop there will be a question and answer period.

This workshop will hopefully educate parents in how to obtain a better education for their special needs child.

The workshop is open to the public.

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**COLONIAL FUNERAL HOME DIRECTOR PETER FORASTIERE** explains to Agawam High School students Kathy Goyette and Renee Girard about the operation of his impressive facility on Main Street. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL** social psychology students of Elizabeth Prew recently culminated a three-day seminar concerning death and grief with a tour of Forastiere Colonial Funeral Home on Main Street. Pictured with the limousine in which they arrived are, from left - funeral director Peter Forastiere, Tomora Maltoni, Robyn Gregory, John McKane, Bob Tichy, Kathy Goyette, Renee Girard, Caroline McGregor, Michelle Ringuette, Charlene Ellithorpe, and Lila Forastiere. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Forastieres Sponsor High School Classes On Death & Grief

by Alexis Ferioli  
School Department Editor

Almost everyone will experience the death of a close family member or friend at some point in their lives. Death is an inevitable part of life. Grief is a feeling which aids the process of healthful mourning.

Death and grief, however, are subjects which most individuals are reluctant to discuss openly.

This is especially true of teenagers who have been sheltered from this reality of life by loving parents. Consequently, most young people are unaware of how to react or feel when death of a loved one occurs.

### Mini-Seminar At High School

In an effort to help students understand and accept death and grief, a mini-seminar was recently conducted by local funeral director Peter Forastiere, and his sister-in-law Lila Forastiere, for social psychology students of Elizabeth Prew at Agawam High School.

Mrs. Prew points out that death is a limited topic in her students' curriculum. The Forastieres' visit to her classroom gave pupils the opportunity not only to learn the intricacies of embalming, but also to have their innermost questions and concerns about death answered in a knowledgeable and professional manner.

She explains that this was the first year outside professionals have lectured her students about death.

Besides providing detailed information concerning body preservation, viewing, burials, and cremations, Mrs. Forastiere also discussed some of the feelings which people experience during their grief.

She especially stressed to students that there are no right or wrong feelings concerning death. Rather, all feelings are normal and should not be suppressed.

Mrs. Forastiere urged pupils to talk to fellow schoolmates or adults if bereaved. Talking is a natural way for people to work through their grief, she notes.

Because most teenagers have never been inside a funeral home, anxiety about entering one is quite common.

As a means of dispelling this anxiety, a tour to the Forastiere Colonial Funeral Home on Main Street in Agawam culminated the three-day seminar.

Under the direction of Mr. Forastiere, the 12 seniors toured the premises, which included the viewing rooms, library, casket room, and embalming room.

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**DEATH - GRIEF - From Page 24...**

Students also received a brief history of the family's involvement with the funeral industry from a career standpoint.

Throughout the 45-minute tour, seniors asked a multitude of questions and were very receptive to the straight forward answers provided by Mrs. Forastiere.

The funeral director relates that most young people tend to imagine the worst about death and subsequent funeral procedures. A tour unmasks the myths and superstitions which accompany death, and realistically demonstrates the professional aspect of all processes used by the mortician.

"Through education, young people can deal naturally with death rather than feel anxiety, fear, and guilt," he remarks.

Mr. Forastiere states that many teenagers are unable to emotionally handle their feelings of guilt and grief and consequently turn to suicide as a result.

"Young people need first-hand knowledge of what to expect when a loved one dies. Knowledge removes fear of the unknown, thereby allowing them to mourn in a healthful manner," he comments.

As part of the seminar, students were given a life record booklet in which to record vital statistics and personal history of their parents.

Mrs. Prew reports that students were asked to fill out the information without asking their parents.

"The students were really amazed to learn how much they didn't know about their parents. They all felt the booklets were a very important part of planning for the future," she states.

The home economics teacher notes that her pupils

were prepared for their visit to the funeral home beforehand. She believes that this advanced preparation enabled them to feel comfortable and relaxed during their tour.

Mrs. Prew reports that due to the success of the seminar, the Forastieres will be returning to speak to her child development class concerning children and death, before the school year end.

**A Need For Education**

Mrs. Forastiere, who is a former teacher and psychology major, explains that her four teenage daughters are often asked about death by their peers. Realizing a need for education in this area, the family became involved with programs aimed at students in grades K-12.

Mr. Forastiere points out that all programs are tailor-made to a teacher's desire. He notes that Mrs. Prew's class was the first high school class to which he has presented his program.

"In the past, we have spoken primarily to elementary youngsters, civic and social groups, senior citizens groups, and parent teacher organizations. Today, a funeral director has to be a grief counselor and maintain a staff with a background in psychology," he states.

Mr. Forastiere says that there is a tremendous need for students to be prepared emotionally for death. He is hopeful more teachers will contact him in the near future.

"Ideally, I would like to see our program become an annual part of the senior high curriculum. We have a wealth of information to share with students. Hopefully, our program will help them become stronger adults," he declares.

**FAMILY NATURALIST**

by Kay Kudlinski

Naturalist

**The Truth About Spring Peepers**

My husband tells the truth. While I tend to exaggerate, embellish, and yes, even invent, Hank does not — not even about frogs. I've learned that lesson the hard way.

We went "Spring Peeper" hunting with the kids one evening last week. I thought the preschoolers should have the fun of a twilight adventure in the swamps, complete with muddy shoes and bramble scratches. It never occurred to me that we'd see any of the tree frogs.

Spring Peepers are dime-sized frogs, dyed tree-color, who huddle against tree bark and hurl piercingly loud "peeps" into the warm spring air.

For all the time I've spent in the woods, I'd never seen a real live peeper. I have had a lot of fun searching for them, so I didn't feel I was making a moral error in telling the kids we might really catch a peeper. My error was in telling Hank about the gap in my experience.

He regaled me with tales of catching them every spring as a boy. I could buy that, though it was a blow to my pride as a naturalist. But when he mentioned that they had peeped merrily through the night from their jars on his dresser, I couldn't help thinking that he was making it all up.

I said something tactful, like, "Of course they sang, dear. And the cow flew over the moon." That's when things got serious.

He brought a flashlight out of the car and promptly turned its beam on a frog who'd been listening to us from a nearby tree. The thrill of seeing my very first peeper-in-the-wild was tempered by Hank's smug chuckle in the background. It wasn't his last laugh.

Peppers, like deer, "freeze" in strong light. While using a spotlight to "Jack" deer for hunting is illegal, jacking frogs is commonplace.

After we watched the peeper sing in the flashlight beam for a moment, Hank popped the frog into a jar and promptly caught another to keep it company.

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**Register Now For Bay Path Summer Programs**

Evening registration hours have been set for Bay Path Junior College's Summer Adult Education Program, it was announced by Paula DesRoberts, coordinator of adult programs at the college. Area men and women may sign up for classes on Wednesday, May 15th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., in Deepwood Hall on the Longmeadow campus.

Offered during the summer term are 13 non-credit courses, covering computers and word processing, painting, karate, family and marriage relationships, interior design, family law, resume writing and interviewing skills, financial planning, and rug and basket-making.

Most classes begin the week of May 20th, and more information may be obtained by calling Mrs. DesRoberts at the college.

**Neilsen, Miss Abbey Named To SMU Dean's List**

The following students were named to the dean's list at Southeastern Massachusetts University for the fall semester: Richard C. Neilsen, 67 Greenacre Lane, Agawam; and Ann M. Abbey, 226 Colemore Street, Feeding Hills.

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Jennifer Cote



My mom is special because she buys me nice things. She loves me and she is nice. Yesterday she bought me some sunglasses and I look funny in them. They have purple frames and they are nice, but not on me. We go to the movies sometimes and we have a great time. She understands. She helps me when I have problems. She is very pretty. She is a little like me. She makes great brownies. She is a great cook and many other things. That's why my mom is extra special.

Ann Blanchfield

I love my mother because she buys me neat clothing for me and on my birthday she buys me something that I want. Another reason I love my mother is because she takes good care of me and she helps me. When I have a problem she helps me work it out. She brings me places I like to be. She gives terrific hugs. That's why I love my mother more than any mom in the world.

Ryan Henderson

My mom is super because she makes nice clothes. She makes pants, shirts and dresses for me to wear. She even made my First Communion dress. Sometimes she makes wreaths for the door. She also likes to plant flowers. This year she's going to square off a piece of the garden so I will have a garden. My mom said she will give me seeds to plant in my garden. My mom is super!

Heather Frechette

I love my mother because she buys me nice clothes. She lets me have sleepovers and I like how she cooks. I love my mother because she makes bacon in the morning. She brings me to the store. I love my mother because she buys me toys. I love my mother because she lets me do everything. I'm glad she's my mother.

Joseph DiLizia

I love my mom because she is nice and she gets me things. Sometimes my mom plays with me and bakes good food like cakes and brownies. She takes good care of me when I am sick and gives me medicine when I need it. Sometimes she takes me to McDonald's to get me ice cream. I love my mom because she takes me to hockey games and other games. I like my mom because she tucks me in bed. She is nice to me. That's why I love my mom.

Kara Gaynor

My mom is great because she is nice to me. She brings me out to lunch and sometimes she brings me out to supper. But most of all, she buys me toys and clothes. I love her because when she needs help I help her. Sometimes I help her bake cakes. She lets me invite my friends over. Sometimes she lets me sleep over my friend's house. That's why my mom is nice.

Lisa Magnacca

I think my mom is super because she loves me a lot. My mom is the greatest because she helps me and checks my work. I think she is very nice because she brings me out to supper a lot. I love my mom because she cares for me so much. She is wonderful! My mom is the best cook ever. I love my mom so much I could always do the things she wants me to do. My mom makes me clothing, and she made my First Communion dress. That's why I love my mom.



My mom is the best because she plays games with me. One time she helped me wash bottles to bring back to the store. She buys clothes for me. She buys me food too. She's really neat. When I have trouble with things she helps me with them. When it rains she takes me to school. She watches t.v. with me. My mom does a lot of things with me. That's why she's the best mom.

Paul McGrew

I love my mom because she is nice. She takes good care of me all the time. Last night she brought me to the circus and got me cotton candy. She also got soda too. Sometimes she helps me with my homework when I need help. She will even let me stay up late on Friday and Saturday because it's not a school night. She buys me clothes a lot. That's why I love my mom.

Jaime Brodeur

I love mom because she is nice to me. She takes care of me. She buys me a lot of nice clothes. I think about her a lot on Mother's Day. She plays with me when I'm bored. Sometimes when I'm sick she lets me out. She loves my sister and me a lot. When I ask her to play she does. Sometimes I help her in the yard. I help her clean. I love her very very much. She loves me a lot too. That is why I love my mom.

Nicole Brittain

My mom is great because she brings me to gym. Sometimes she bakes pies and I help her. The best thing is that she is always the same. She buys some good things to eat. Sometimes she comes to my baseball games. I like her at the baseball games because she cheers for me. That is why my mom is special.

Devin McCarthy

My mother is nice because she loves me. My mother is lovable to me. My mother takes good care of me all the time. She even forgives me when I'm bad. I love my mother because she is beautiful and nice. But she puts too much perfume on herself. It makes me sneeze a lot. She is a special mother.

Kenny Grady

I like my mom for all the nice things she does for me. She wakes me up for school in the morning. If I don't wake up she will tickle me. She brings home lots of coloring paper from school. My mom buys lots of games and puzzles and other things. She bakes good cookies, cakes, pies, brownies and hermits. She takes me out to eat at restaurants. She gives me medicine when I am ill. She is a super mom.

Patrick Arnold

Tara Marshall



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**Ricky Lodge**

I love my mommy because she helps me a lot. She buys me things. My mom makes me things. She is pretty. Mom cares for me. She also bakes good brownies. I think she is very nice. Sometimes she plays games with me. My mom is really neat. I like her because she gives me nice gifts. My mommy loves me and I love her. That is why my mom is super.

**Beth Meagher**

My mom is very kind because she loves me. My mom helps me, cares for me, loves me, bakes good cookies, does things with me, and is kind to me. But sometimes she yells at me and I deserve it. My mom is the best mom in the world. I wish I never had to grow up and I could be with my mom all the time but I have to grow up! My super mother is very pretty. My mom is wonderful.

**Denise Nancy Campisi**

I love my mom because she bakes good and because she takes me places. Sometimes she lets me help in the garden and sometimes she lets me climb trees. She takes me fishing sometimes, and she takes us for a walk in the woods. She lets us play with clay. That's why I love my mom.

**Eric Melloni**

I love my mother because she is a good baker. She bakes cakes and pies. She bakes chocolate chip cookies. She gives me sisters and a brother to play with. She's a nice mom. I love her with all my heart. I like it when she makes bacon and eggs and teaches me songs. She made my First Communion dress. That is why she is a super mom.

**Suzanne Brown**

I love my mom because she brings me fishing and buys the worms for me. She plays Monopoly with me. We go for walks in the woods. She cooks good cookies and cakes for me. She let's me make my own cookies. I love my mom because she buys stickers for me. I like my mom because she lets me ride my bike in the street. My mom plays Atari with me. This is why I love my mom.

**Adam Wisniewski**

I love my mom because she takes care of me. I think of her more on Mother's Day because I think of all the things she does for us. I will buy her a card for Mother's Day. My mom and I go out to eat together. We cook

together. I think she is the best mom in the world. That's why I think she is wonderful.

**Kami Beaulieu**

I love my mom because she takes good care of me and she bakes good food like cakes and pies plus more things. I am glad I had a mother like her. I love her a lot and she loves me a lot. I have a good mom. She even let's me ride her bike. She is pretty just like her mom. She is special to me for she is the best mom in the world. Happy Mother's Day mom.

**Jennifer Huntoon**

My mom is super because she never yells at me. She lets me buy something when she is shopping. My mom is nice because she comes to my baseball games. Most of all when I say something nice she hugs me. That is why I love my mother.

**Todd Boskiewicz**

I like my mom because she is great. She takes me fishing. Last year she let me grow a garden. She let me have a go cart. Mom is the best mom in the world. She will let me get a bike. She rode an ATC. She is a good baker. She makes good chocolate chip cookies. She is a great mom.

**Mark Anderson**

## Jubilee Camporee At Westover Air Force Base

The Pioneer Valley Council Boy Scouts of America will be presenting "Jubilee Camporee 1985" on May 10th, 11th, and 12th, at Westover Air Force Base to celebrate the 75th birthday of scouting in America.

A great birthday party it will be! The Jubilee Camporee promises to be an inspiring and fascinating gathering for over 2,000 scouts, scouters, their friends and the general public.

The scouting program will be on display and in action for all to enjoy. The scouts and their units will be involved in over 100 competitive scouting events. You can plan on observing scouts cooking in dutch ovens, demonstrating first aid and woodcraft skills, using map and compass, and observing the environmental and conservation aspects that are taught to scouts.

Saturday night will usher in a gala show featuring a birthday party and cake to commemorate the rich history of scouting, and its positive impact on the development of citizens and leaders during the 20th century.

The evening program will be topped off with an extravaganza of music and fireworks.

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**ABOUT TO EMBARK** on a "bus excursion" to a Mexican marketplace are kindergartners back row, from left - Mark Hasbrouck, Eric Hannah, Mark Berthiaume, Tricia Parentela, Leslie Kida, and Anne Kelley. Middle row - Eddie Shibley, Jimmy Arenstam, Steve Rovithis, Sarah Dickison, Lynn Gonyer, Daniel Gomes, and Keith Garvey. Front row - Julie Arcouette, Mara Cavanaugh, Kevin Perrault, Daniel DiMarr, Eric Belknap, Melissa Almquist, Becky La-Pointe, and Sara Fede. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## AHS Marching Mohawks In New Jersey Competition

The Mid-Atlantic Festival will be held at Wildwood, New Jersey, on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, May 11th, 12th and 13th, with about 20 schools from a number of states entered in the various events.

Representing Agawam will be the high school's "Marching Mohawks," who will compete in four events, including the "Festival Parade, Field, Show, Color Guard and Marching Percussion Ensemble." Diana Porter will also compete in the individual "Drum Major Event."

Other groups making the trip will include the prize-winning Agawam High Jazz Band under the direction of Zachary Tileston, and the championship Show Choir under the direction of Stephen Files. The Agawam High Chorale will also be attending the festival in a non-competitive basis.

In all, nearly 150 students and 24 parents will leave the high school early Saturday morning with arrival at the Sands Motel in Wildwood that afternoon. The day's events include the Jazz Band Contest at the Diamond Beach Resort, and a dance for students in the evening.

Sunday will be a busy day for all groups with the Marching Band Field Show Contest in the morning, the Vocal Events in the afternoon, a parade on the Boardwalk at 5:00 p.m., and the awards for all of these events in the Wildwood Convention Hall during the evening.

On Monday morning, May 13th, the Percussion Ensemble will compete in a separate contest with the percussion units from other bands. Drum majors compete at noontime, and a special indoor Color Guard contest will be held in the afternoon at the Convention Hall. Awards for these events will be given later in the afternoon, and students will be arriving home late Monday evening.

Among the schools slated to compete in the various events are University High School, Newark; North Warren Regional High School, Bridgewater-Raritan, Bound Brook, and Ridge High School, all from New Jersey.

Coming from Connecticut will be Enrico Fermi of Enfield. From Massachusetts are Agawam, Bishop Feehan, and South Hadley. From Pennsylvania are Richland, Frazier, Upper Darby. From Virginia is Danville. From New York State are Norwich and East Islip. From North Carolina is Mount Airy.



**DONNED IN HAND-MADE** serapes and sombreros, kindergarten students of Linda Orr & Judy Spellacy serenade their classmates during a Mexican fiesta. The fiesta culminated the students' three-week study of sunny Mexico as initiated by WSC students Laura Brown (left) and Ann Sherry (right). Standing from left are Chad Moore, Christopher Medeiros, Jeffrey Rivers, Sarah Pliska, and Dain Binder. Seated from left - Kimberly Koehler, Joel Roberts, Jeffrey Nolin, Rita Reshamwala, and Lori Swiklaus. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Robinson Youngsters Learn About Mexico Through WSC Students

by Alexis Ferioli  
School Department Editor

The lifestyles and customs of our neighbors south of the border are well-known to the kindergarten students of Linda Orr and Judy Spellacy at Robinson Park School.

Under the guidance of Westfield State College student teachers Laura Brown and Ann Sherry, pupils recently completed a three-week study of Mexico.

Miss Brown points out that since Spanish is now spoken so frequently in the United States, both she and Miss Sherry felt the students would enjoy learning about our closest Spanish-speaking neighbor, Mexico.

She explains that the kindergartners initiated the unit by taking a pretend bus excursion to a Mexican marketplace.

Both student teachers constructed a six by three foot cardboard bus which the youngsters boarded for their trip around the classroom.

Miss Sherry relates that each room was decorated in the style of an authentic Mexican marketplace.

As a special highlight, booths which featured clothing, foods, pottery, flowers, and brochures were erected for the bus riders to stop and visit.

The industrious student teachers also constructed a life-size cardboard adobe house in which the youngsters were able to recreate Mexican homelife.

Miss Brown reports that as part of their studies, students learned to count to ten in Spanish and to speak several Spanish words and phrases. Among these were "Hola," "Adios," "Gracias," "Bien," "Amigos," "Hasta Luego," and "Coma Esta?"

Moreover, Mexican culture, songs, dances, stories, climate, foods, and customs were reviewed in detail as well as the nation's bartering system.

Miss Sherry says that besides creating flags, puppets, sombreros, serapes, and instruments, the 80 kindergartners compiled booklets which illustrated everything they learned about sunny Mexico.

As a culmination to the unit, a fiesta was held during which students dressed in their hand-made serapes and sombreros, played muracas and cigar box guitars, sang Mexican songs, and danced the hat dance.

The students also made tacos and tortillas which were enjoyed by all during snack time.

"The students had great fun with the unit, especially the bus excursion. They thoroughly enjoyed learning about the differences and similarities which exist between our country and Mexico," remarks Mrs. Orr.

### SPRING PEEPERS - From Page 25...

He never did say "I told you so," that night, but after every "Peep" from the jar on our dresser, Hank's familiar chuckle filled the darkness of our bedroom.

I took the peepers to the kids' nursery school this morning. In each class I described the frog's loud, shrill call. The kids and their teachers all nodded at me indulgently, obviously assuming that I was exaggerating, embellishing, or even inventing, as usual.

I set the jar in the office lounge area at the end of the day while I gathered up my kids. As we were pulling on our jackets, the teachers' chatter from the office was interrupted by a couple of piercingly loud, shrill "peeps" from the frog jar.

I just couldn't resist filling the silence that followed with my own smug chuckle.

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## PHILM REVIEW

By Phil Benoit  
Entertainment  
Editor

### *The Purple Rose Of Cairo:* Woody Allen's Best In Years

In his last three movies — *A Midsummer Night's Sex Comedy*, *Zelig*, and *Broadway Danny Rose* — Woody Allen displayed a different style of comedy. His once highbrow and rather cynical satire was replaced by humor of a warmhearted and less intellectual nature.

While Allen experimented with this new comedic style in the three aforementioned pictures, he brings it to fruition in *The Purple Rose of Cairo*, his best film since the Oscar-winning *Annie Hall*.

Set during the Depression, *The Purple Rose of Cairo* tells the story of Cecilia (Mia Farrow), a kind and soft-spoken New Jersey housewife who's not happy with her lot in life.

Besides having to work as a waitress at a low-class diner in order to make ends meet, she is married to a lazy, two-timing boor (Danny Aiello), who gambles too much and occasionally beats her up.

Fortunately, Cecilia has a way of temporarily escaping from this lowly existence. By attending the neighborhood movie house whenever she can, she forgets her troubles and gets caught up in the carefree lives of the characters on the screen.

One day when she's especially depressed, Cecilia decides to catch a matinee of "The Purple Rose of Cairo," a romantic comedy which she has already seen a couple of times.

During this repeat viewing, however, she receives the shock of her life when one of the film's characters, Tom Baxter (Jeff Daniels), comes off of the screen and thanks her for being such a dedicated fan of the movie.

#### News Spread Likes Wildfire

After Tom and Cecilia leave the theater together, the news of the extraordinary happening spreads like wildfire. Upon reaching Hollywood, the information grabs the attention of Gil Shepherd (also played by Daniels), the actor who portrays Tom Baxter, and the makers of "The Purple Rose of Cairo."

Anxious to end all of the commotion, Gil and the film's producers travel to New Jersey in order to talk Tom into reentering the picture. But, when Gil eventually meet Cecilia, he, like Tom, falls in love with her.

Written and directed with cleverness and flair by Allen, *The Purple Rose of Cairo* is a delightful and immensely entertaining picture. Allen takes a preposterous premise — that of a fictional character coming to life — and turns it into one of the most intriguing and innovative stories about the medium of motion pictures.

On one level, the film examines the naivety and the purity of movies from the Depression Era.

In one of the funniest scenes, Tom Baxter inadvertently goes to a brothel. Because sex was taboo in flicks made during the early days of Hollywood, he has no idea what the women in the brothel want to do with him.

Another source of humor is what happens to the movie which Tom was a part of. After his unusual departure, the rest of the fictional characters discontinue the plot that they were carrying out, do whatever they want while waiting to see if Tom ever returns, and talk back to those members of the audience who complain about the interruption in the movie.

However, the best thing about *The Purple Rose of Cairo* is that it is an emotionally stirring tribute to the relationship we have with the films we see.

Through Cecilia's love for the movies, Allen acknowledges the fact that, for many people, motion pictures are a means to get away from problems and to witness events which have a tendency to result in happy endings.

And, through Cecilia's romantic encounters with both Tom Baxter & Gil Shepherd, he expresses his belief that most people wish that they could meet the characters they admire and the actors who bring them to life on the screen.

But, what's important to note is that Allen is not poking fun at these aspects of human nature. Unlike the sarcastic and unemotional treatment of people's failings which dominates much of his earlier work, his examination of Cecilia's fanaticism for films is laced with a great deal of sympathy and gentle humor.

Allen does make us laugh by putting her in comical situations, yet at the same time he's able to make us care for her by letting us realize that the humor surrounding this character never overshadows his genuine concern and liking for her.

#### Farrow's Best Performance In An Allen Film

*The Purple Rose of Cairo* marks Farrow's fourth and best performance in a Woody Allen film. She gives Cecilia an angelic quality which makes the character vulnerable and endearing. Fortunately, Farrow never overplayed this personality trait to the point where Cecilia became unbelievable or sickeningly sweet.

Daniels (*Terms of Endearment*) gives two equally fine performances. As Tom Baxter, he projects the kind of goofy charm that we'd expect from a male character in a corny romantic comedy from the 1930's. And, as Gil Shepherd, Daniels conveys the starting-to-swell ego of a young actor vying for fame and fortune.

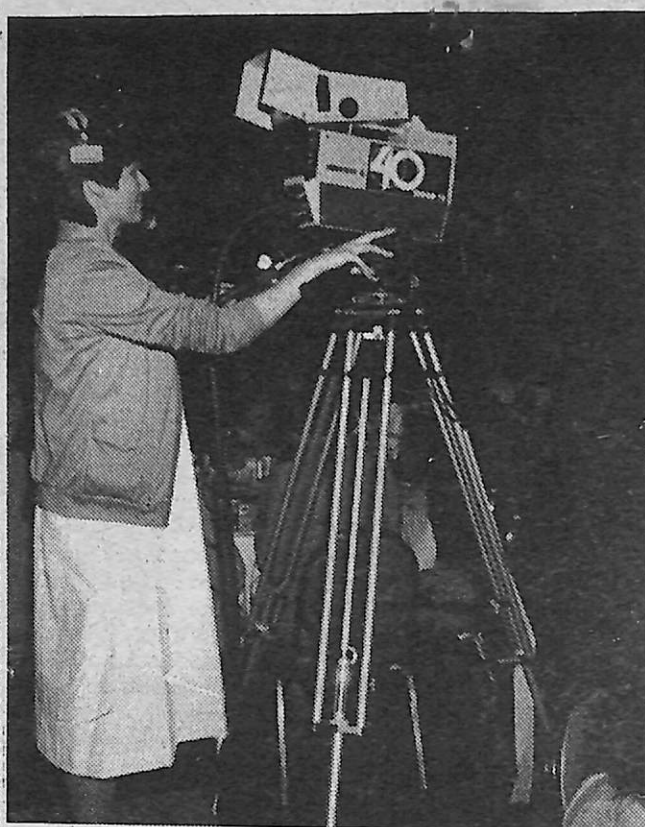
Even if you've disliked all of Allen's previous films, you still might enjoy *The Purple Rose of Cairo*. Allen himself does not appear in it, and the picture is so different from his other cinematic endeavors that you wouldn't be able to tell that this was his handiwork if you didn't already know that he created it.

For Allen's fans, *The Purple Rose of Cairo* is an outstanding piece of cinema that represents growth in the career of a man whom many people (including myself) regard as a gifted comic filmmaker.

Rating: 4 STARS (On a scale of 0-4 stars)

\*THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS: *The Purple Rose of Cairo* is rated PG for some mature dialogue.

## Local Camerawoman



ANNALIZA CRUZ-SERRENTA, of Corey Colonial, Agawam, is a camerawoman for WGGB-TV. Here, Annaliza is filming a local event in town for the station. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Reservations Still Accepted For Jr. Women's Arts Show

Registration is still possible for the Agawam Junior Women's Club's Annual Arts and Crafts Festival to be held the weekend of June 1st and 2nd.

The festival, which will support the club's 1986 scholarship awards, will also feature a raffle. Once every hour of the festival, a ticket will be drawn for one of the many items that have been handcrafted by the Juniors' membership.

Again this year, the Juniors will have the mayonnaise jar raffle booth. The jars will be decorated and filled with an assortment of bought, hand-made and home-baked items. Each jar can be obtained by purchasing a \$1 ticket.

In addition to enjoying the plentiful displays of area artists and craftsmen, the Board of Trustees of the Captain Charles Leonard House have once again agreed to open their doors for guided tours of this lovely building.

Anyone interested in registering for a space may contact either Barbara Shusterman, 786-6016, or Eileen Hamre, 789-2818.

## Agawam Historical Association To Hear Gregory Farmer At Annual Banquet

Gregory Farmer, consultant for the Fiscal Year 1985 Grant Historical Survey for Agawam, will speak at the Agawam Historical Association's annual banquet.

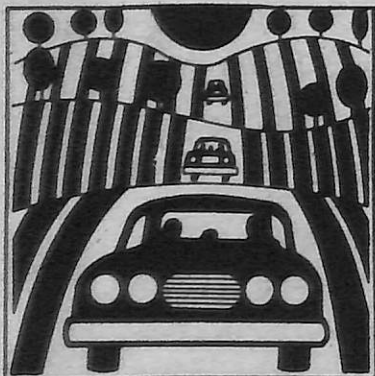
He will give some surprising results from finding and inventorying more than 300 architecturally significant homes and sites in all parts of Agawam.

A brief business meeting will be held to receive annual reports and to elect a new slate of officers.

The banquet will be

Thursday, May 23rd, at the First Baptist Church of Agawam, at 6:30 p.m. Reservations may be paid in advance to George Reynolds, treasurer.

Anyone interested in Agawam is invited to attend.



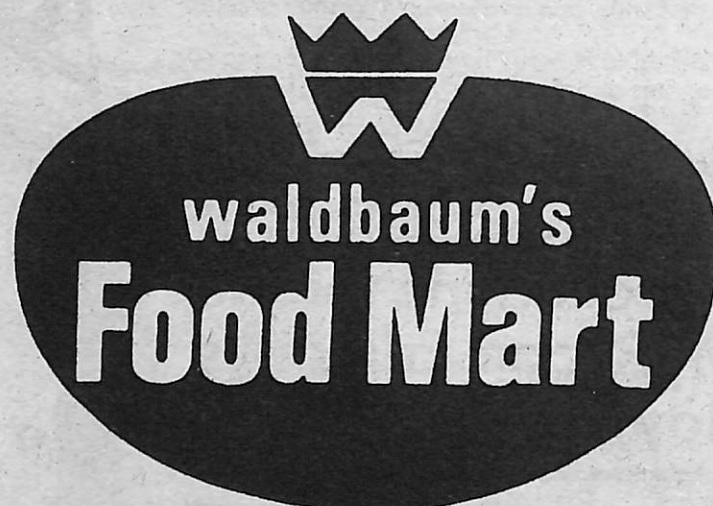
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## First Church of Christ To Host May Concert

The Music Committee of First Church of Christ, Court Square, Springfield, is pleased to announce the next program of their "Music At First" Series. This concert will be held at First Church in the Latimer Room of their Parish House on Sunday, May 19th, at 4:00 p.m. The professional vocal ensemble, Novi Cantori, which is directed by Charles Page, will present a concert of choral music, spanning all styles and periods of music, from the Renaissance to contemporary.

Its members, numbering 17, have been carefully auditioned for their individual musicianship, balance, and blend.

While the group is essentially a vocal ensemble, many of its members are instrumentalists; the audience will hear Patricia Larkin and Catherine Waldron, recorder; William Brackett, harpsichord; and Deborah Grose, cello. Allan Taylor will accompany on both piano and harpsichord. The singers are Donna Cote, Linda Schulte, Denise Gendron, Eleanor Hamlin, Wendy LaFond, Rose Mills, Virginia Ring, James Larkin, Joseph Wright, Paul Coffill, Brian Hale, Richard Goulding, and Herbert Menzel.

Works being presented at this concert will include materials by Thomas Weelkes and Emma Lou Diemer; French compositions by Durufle, Faure, Messiaen, and Poulenc; folk songs arranged by Byrt, Vaughn Williams and Holst; and English-American songs of Randall Thompson, Clements, Churchill, and Copland.

The instrumentalists will accompany Deborah Trimble in an aria from Bach's Cantata No. 208, the Birthday Cantata, and as a recognition of the tercentenary of the birth of Bach, there will be a duet from Cantata 4, as well as a performance of Motet VI, "Praise the Lord, All Ye Nations."

The public is cordially invited to attend this concert and there is no admission fee. A reception will follow to give the audience a chance to greet the musicians and socialize.

## Laughing Brook Sponsors Five Session Photo Course

"Introduction to Nature Photography" will be a special course for adults offered at Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden, beginning Thursday evening, May 16th, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Space is limited, and pre-registration is required by May 12th.

Annie Tiberio and John Green, well-known throughout the Pioneer Valley for both their photography and teaching, have joined forces to offer this five-session photography course.

"Introduction to Nature Photography" is for those who have taken a basic photography course, or for those who have a firm grasp of the workings of the SLR camera and how to operate it manually (not on automatic).

Following a review of the basic concepts of SLR photography, participants will learn the applications of these concepts as they apply to photographing nature.

Subjects covered will be: philosophy, equipment (camera, tripod, close-up equipment, use of other lenses, accessories, light meter), exposure and use of light, focus, depth-of-field, composition, and choosing your subjects.

There will be two Thursday evening classes, two Saturday field trips, and a follow-up Thursday evening session.

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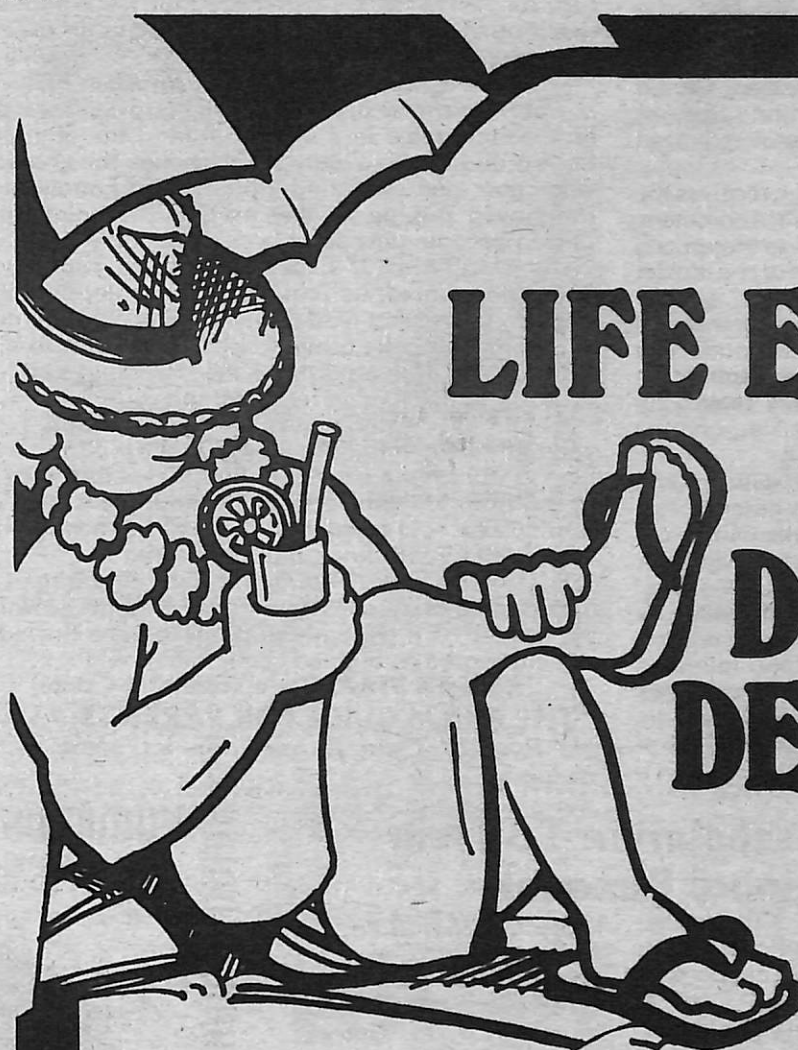
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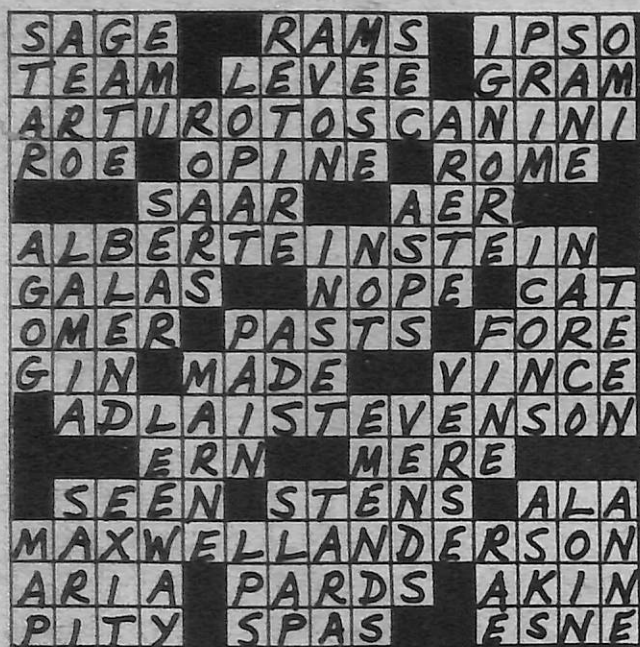
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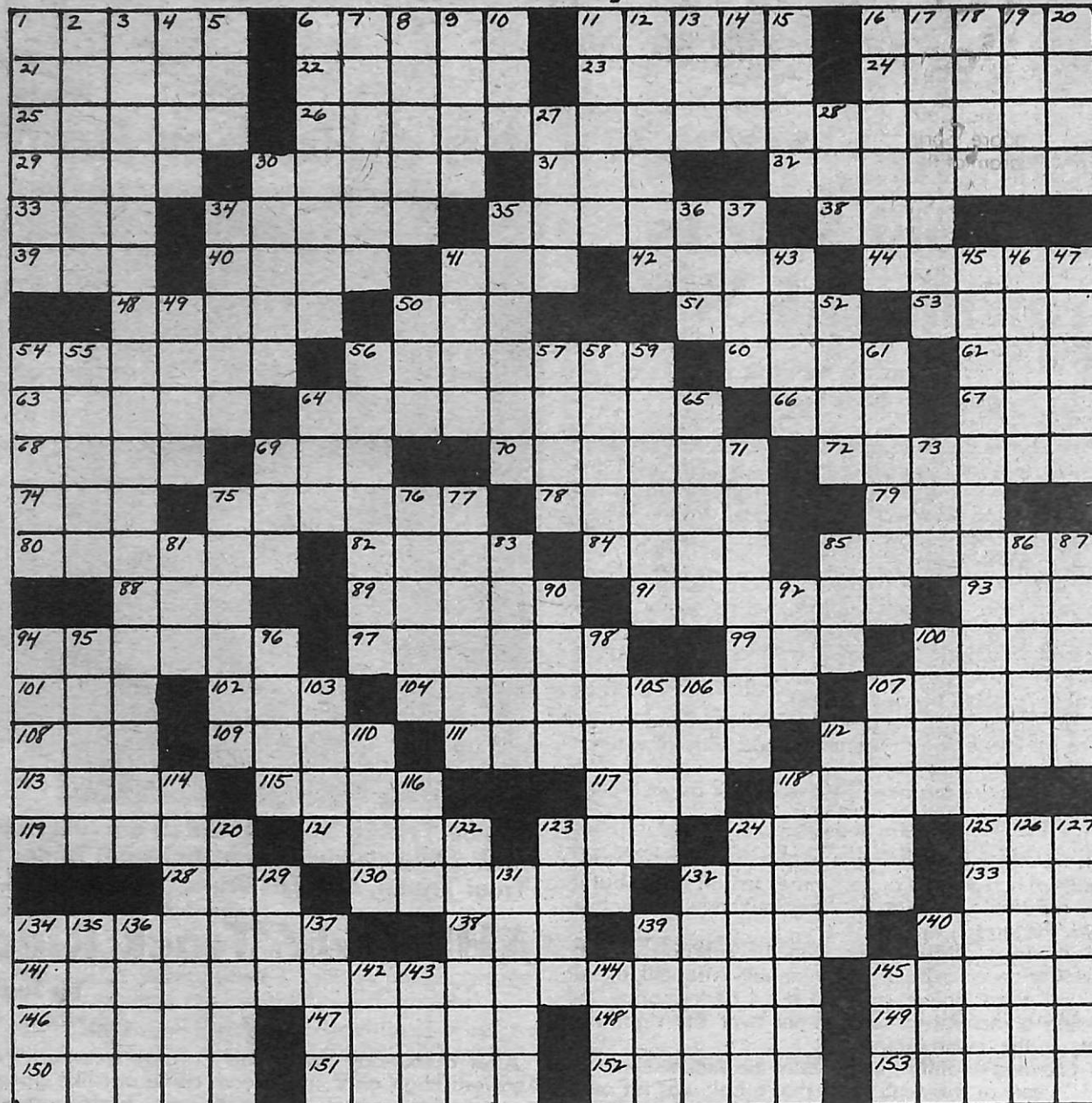
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6. Diets the hard way
11. Animal skins
16. Ladle
21. Heeded
22. Palmer from Latrobe
23. Wear out
24. "— — deaf ear to"
25. Road curves
26. Egyptian obelisks of antiquity
29. — boy!
30. Ending for mon or Ham
31. — magnon man
32. Frontier merchants
33. Certain neckline
34. Hair color
35. Bird sounds
38. Total amount
39. Go wrong
40. Propels, as a rowboat
41. Haggard book title
42. Dines
44. Bristles
48. Satire
50. Sandpiper
51. Golf stroke
53. Look for bargains
54. Kind of hero
56. Veers
60. Membership fees
62. Before to a poet
63. Heaps
64. Scenic mountain in Rio
66. Sound of scorn
67. Female saint
68. School groups
69. Lever
70. Grumble
72. Devil-fish
74. Sea-eagle
75. Helm
78. "— leaf rag"
79. Fog or coat
80. Turn scarlet
82. Falsehoods
84. Goat
85. Gazed
88. Distress signal
89. Rims
91. Secured with brads
93. Body of water
94. Clumped up
97. Not standing
99. "Lend an —"
100. Merit
101. Spanish gold
102. Catch
104. Soar over
107. Warbucks ward
108. Decade
109. Balsa
111. Recount
112. Avalanches
113. Compass headings
115. Counterweight
117. Mr. Carson
118. Trick
119. Chores
121. Hayworth
123. Soak flax
124. Urals
125. Head covering
128. Negrito
130. Friendly ghost
132. Warn
133. A Gabor
134. Song refrain
138. Famous Peter
139. Skulk
140. Assist
141. Dutch ruler
145. Ache
146. Famous John
147. Pricker
148. Actor Steve
149. Dit-Dah man
150. Thrones
151. Horse or common
152. Fished for morays
153. Auto racer Del

## DOWN

1. Pulley
2. Annoy
3. Rapa Nui monuments
4. Region
5. Throughways: abbr.
6. Manufacturing area
7. Actor Richard et al
8. Bergen dummy
9. Spanish uncles
10. Fall month
11. Bacteriologists plate
12. Mis-cues
13. Mauna —

## MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni



14. Football scores for short
15. Consigned
16. Plagiarizes
17. Snuggles up
18. Shield border
19. Singular one
20. Quarterbacks forte
27. Yearn for
28. Notable time period
30. Argot
34. Benefits
35. Happy
36. Baby dog
37. Potato to a GI
41. Evening in Roma
43. Ticket remainder
45. C.S.A. flag
46. Main artery
47. Dueling swords
49. Regrets
50. Cloth scrap
52. Red Sox or Dodgers
54. Kind of berth
55. Potash
56. Turns sour
57. Biblical land
58. Desert roamer
59. Chinese junk
61. Formed
64. Unhappy
65. "Most happy —"
69. Roll
71. Alleviate

73. Born
75. Show pique
76. Type of duck
77. Take back
81. Mote
83. — — example
85. Through
86. Scary
87. H. C. Anderson et al
90. Soothsayer
92. New Guinea city
94. Musical group
95. Action site
96. Missile in a pub
98. Not as light
100. Blue grape pigment
103. Ursa
105. Lure
106. Baseball great
107. "— — for life"
110. — the Red
112. Barren
114. Cooking pan
116. Greek letter
118. Clipped
120. Discolors

122. Coins of antiquity
123. "Biggest little city"
124. Coat part
126. Loath
127. Shred
129. — — carte
131. Actor John
132. Cherub
134. "— the night before..."

135. Anger
136. "Mash" star
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# Sports

## Barbarini, Viens, Altobelli Star In Brownie 6-5 Win

by Judith Kelliher  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Pinch-hitter Bob Barbarini smashed an RBI single to leftfield, plating sophomore Bob Altobelli with the game-winner in the bottom of the 10th inning as the Agawam High baseball team upended Valley Wheel opponent Longmeadow, 6-5 on Tuesday, May 7th, at Harmon Smith Field.

In previous Valley Wheel action featuring the Brownies, they dumped Ludlow, 5-3 as senior hurler Ron Viens went the distance for the win.

Viens, who hurled a gusty performance in going the entire 10 innings vs. Longmeadow, has proved to be the team's badly needed stopper.

After a slow start, the Brownies are beginning to live-up to the glistening pre-season predictions of veteran coach Gerry Smith.

The Brownies are now 5-4 overall but 3-1 in Valley Wheel play.

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In the exciting 10-inning marathon vs. Longmeadow, Agawam had several opportunities to pull it out, but it took the strong pitching of Viens and some timely hits down the stretch to do it.

Barbarini's game-winner was his first hit of the season in seven at-bats. The mini-hulk Altobelli, blessed with power galore, enjoyed a 2-4 performance, including a mammoth solo homer over the rightfield fence in the fourth inning.

According to Smith, it was only the second time in his 17 years at the AHS helm that a ball was hit over the fence.

For the record, Altobelli had 2 hits, 2 RBI's, and 2 runs scored, and was on base 3 times.

In the 10th frame, Tom Murphy moved Altobelli to second base with an infield hit. An errant throw trying to nail Altobelli allowed him to just reach third base to beat the throw.

Barbarini whacked an opposite field shot that eluded the Lancer's leftfielder.

Prior to the 10th, the Brownies needed to scramble. They found themselves on the short end of a 5-2 count going into the bottom of the seventh.

The Brownies scored three times in their last at-bats, sending the game into extra innings.

Mike Chausse led off the seventh with a walk. Viens was safe on an infield hit, and Scott Zeilinski drew a walk to load the bases.

Tony Ingham then sent home Chausse on a fielder's choice (5-3). Senior Bob Wing rapped a single up the middle to plate Viens. Up came Altobelli, who must appear most formidable to a pitcher; he appears ready to bust-out of his uniform at any time.

Altobelli launched a single to the leftfield to score tie it at 5-5. The Brownies still had two men on-base with one out, but Ed Mutti hit into an inning-ending double play.

Viens, who spit fire and brimstone on the mound, seemed to get stronger as the game progressed. He whiffed 7, including two in the ninth and one in the tenth.

The Brownies were harassed all day by Longmeadow outfielder Todd Ditmar, the number nine hitter. In the fifth, he singled home John Calvanese, who sent a triple to the outfield. Ditmar also smacked a two-run single to rightfield to put the Lancers up, 5-2 in their half of the seventh.

Viens also was helped by several double plays turned in by the Brownies' infield.

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In the triumph over Valley Wheel foe Ludlow, Viens struckout seven and allowed just five hits in going the distance.

Altobelli's two-run triple in the first inning helped the locals to a 3-0 lead.

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## AHS Girls' Track Riddles Classical, 99-36

by Judith Kelliher  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

After a four-day layoff due to rainy weather, the Agawam High girls' track team came out like gang-busters as several personal best performances highlighted their 99-36 trouncing of Classical High on Tuesday, May 7th, at Harmon Smith Field.

Coaches Kathy (Spellacy) Pepper and Ginny Cassidy saw their team's record move to 5-1 at presstime. They remain in a second place tie with East Longmeadow. The Brownies and Spartans will collide in a key Valley Wheel meet on Monday, May 13th.

"I think the four-day break really helped the girls' performances," observed Mrs. Pepper. "It didn't matter who we were competing against. The girls were really ready to go and do well."

Versatile Judy Pignatone enjoyed an outstanding afternoon as she recorded personal best performances in two of her three events.

She won the javelin with a throw of 95'4". Her other mark came in the discus (2nd place) with a throw of 75'9". She also cruised to first place in the 880-yard run (2:39.5).

Two of Agawam's triple jumpers, Kelly Sullivan and Marlo Montesi, recorded their best marks as they took first and second, respectively. Sullivan (31'1 1/2") and Montesi (30'3") were followed by Sue Harpin in third

place (29'4 1/2") to complete the Brownie sweep.

Sullivan, just a freshman from the junior high school, qualified for the Western Mass. Tournament in the 100-yard dash with a time of 12.1, and teammate Sue Fassnacht clocked her best time (12.7) for second place.

In the mile, Agawam's Lynn Colagiovanni was tops with her best time of 7:13. The Brownies also swept the 110-yard high hurdles, with Montesi (19.5), Samantha Doran (19.62), and Leigh Whittaker (19.7) doing the honors.

Doran (53.9) and Whittaker (54.9) also took first and second place, respectively, in the 330-yard low hurdles. Venita Giles (28.1) led another clean sweep in the 220-yard dash. She was followed by Harpin (29.9) and Karen Daborowski (30.6).

In the two-mile, Pat Beavis enjoyed a first place finish (15:04) and was followed by teammate Tina Smith (18:27). In the 440-yard dash, Gina Feister (1:10) earned a first place to round-out the Brownies' top finishers.

Besides the important East Longmeadow meet on Monday, the Brownies will travel to South Hadley on Thursday, May 9th (presstime) for another Valley Wheel meet.

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## Brownies' Linksters Bow To EL, Dump WSide

by Judith Kelliher  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

At the Elmcrest Country Club on Tuesday, May 7th, the East Longmeadow High School golf team took full advantage of their home course in posting a close, 10.5-7.5 victory over the Agawam High Brownies.

The Brownies were coming off two convincing victories of their own: a 12.5-5.5 drubbing of West Springfield and a 14-4 shellacking of Ludlow. Both matches were at the Brownies' home Crestview Country Club. The locals stand 2-3 in league play and 4-3 overall at presstime.

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Against East Longmeadow, Agawam's four top golfers were most competitive, but EL's number five and six golfers came through down the stretch to help them post the win. Up until that point, the Brownies trailed by only 6.5-5.5.

The Brownies top three linksters shot very well. Number two Wayne Leal earned three points with his 71 (one over par).

Number one Ricky Leal, Wayne's older brother, shot a 75, but fell to Dave Leger, who posted a 74. Number three Rob James fired a 78, but EL's Ken Hunt and Leger both were state qualifiers that are back from the 1984 season. Both are very experienced.

"The kids felt good about the way they played. It's always tougher to go to someone else's home course. It came down to EL getting the better breaks. We will look forward to playing them at Crestview," said coach Paul Bacchini afterwards.

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### BROWNIES NINE - From Page 32...

In the sixth, a Tony Moccio double and a Murphy single produced another run, which proved to be the game-winner. Moccio scored when Murphy stole second and the throw from the catcher sailed into the outfield.

Mickey Lunden plated the team's fifth run in the seventh inning.

At presstime, Agawam was to face South Hadley on Wednesday, May 8th, after which they host Valley Wheel opponents East Longmeadow on Friday, May 10th, and Amherst on Monday, May 13th.

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In the pouring rain, Agawam played well to down West Springfield (Monday, May 6th).

Wayne Leal was tops with a 77 (2.5 points), while brother Rick and James each earned three points.

The win was even more impressive because West Side was undefeated in the rival Valley League (6-0) coming into the match. This marked the second time this year the Brownies had caged the Terriers in independent play.

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The highlight of the easy victory over Ludlow (May 2nd) was medalist Wayne Leal's 71, a one-under par for Crestview. It marked the first under-par round by a schoolboy in Western Mass. in the 1985 season (at presstime). Leal fired five birdies en route to the fine performance.

"The kids really want to prove themselves. We've got a few matches left at home, and we hope to get back at some of the teams that beat us at their home courses," noted Bacchini.

AHS is undefeated at Crestview (3-0) and faced Longmeadow (May 9th) and Minnechaug Regional (May 13th).

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In a junior varsity match, the combined efforts of Agawam's Tony Cichetti, Paul Deveno, Chris Smith, Rick Pryce, Mike Loomer, and Pete Borey lifted them to a solid, 11-7 victory over Longmeadow's JV on Wednesday, May 1st, at St. Anne's Country Club.

## Dolly Sisters Suffer First Loss In PVJSL Play

The Dolly Sisters Card and Gift Shop Under 14 girls' soccer PVJSL team suffered its first regular season loss, after running off 16 straight division wins.

The girls easily handled a determined Westfield squad last week at the Middle School, 3-1 for their fourth victory. Melissa Danio headed in a Sue Andry corner kick for the winning goal.

On Saturday, May 4th, the Dolly Sisters traveled to Springfield to play the Sixteen Acres Lions. The Lions came out of this one with a 4-0 win. This leaves Sixteen Acres and the Dolly Sisters deadlocked for first place halfway through the season.

## Agawam High Hot On Schoolgirl Courts

by Judith Kelliher  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

After dropping three of their first four matches, the Agawam High girls' tennis team reeled-off victories in their next four matches, thanks in part to the return of number one singles player Cindy Roy.

The back-to-normal Agawam lineup produced recent wins over East Longmeadow (May 7th) and Minnechaug Regional (May 9th). Each match was decided by 3-2 scores.

In Agawam's first two matches of the season, they fell victim by 3-2 counts to both EL and Minnechaug, so the Brownies' recent success took much of the edge off those losses.

At presstime, the girls boast a rejuvenated record of 5-4 overall.

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It came down to the number two doubles match to determine the winner against EL. In a nail-biter, which saw most games go to deuce, Agawam's tandem of Barb Garrity and Sue Bulson outlasted Sue Griswold and Mary Ann LaLiberty 6-3, 6-7 (7-4), 7-5 to clinch the win.

Said coach Mary Wolochowicz of this emotionally-charged doubles match, "It was incredible all the way. I was very proud of the determination and effort put in by both Barb and Sue.

"The whole team was cheering them on and we could feel every point that was won or lost right along with them," added Miss Wolochowicz.

Agawam's number three singles player, Cindy Slate, downed Chris Ferraro 6-2, 6-3, and the Brownies' tandem of Chris Kosinski and Jennifer Crean outdueled Michelle Fontana and Buffy Tarsa 6-3, 6-3.

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In the Brownies' victory over Minnechaug Regional, the singles players set the pace.

In an exciting three-set match, Roy outlasted Karen Pickering 2-6, 6-4, 7-5 in number one singles. At number two, Jemiolo beat Carrie McDonald 6-2, 6-3. At number three, Slate knocked-off Deb Hermance 6-4, 6-3.

## Agawam American Legion To Hold Weekend Try-Outs

Agawam American Legion coach Bob Regish today announced that the Wilson Thompson Post 185 will hold try-outs on Saturday, May 18th, at 10:00 a.m., and Sunday, May 19th, at 3:00 p.m., at the Harmon Smith Field.

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**AGAWAM HIGH JUNIOR VARSITY** softball coach Linda Kunasek hopes her girls will help the varsity program next season, while maintaining the winning edge in 1985. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**CINDY GRIEVE**, the Agawam High varsity girls' softball coach, has posted a 6-4 record at presstime in her first season of directing the Brownie sidelines. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Late Inning Rally Carries Longmeadow To 5-1 Softball Win Over Agawam High

by Judith Kelliher  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Longmeadow High catcher Kate Boehm cracked a booming two-run triple in the bottom of the sixth to snap a 1-1 tie, lifting the strong Lancers to a 5-1 victory over Agawam High in schoolgirl softball action on Tuesday, May 7th.

The loss drops the Brownies to 6-4 at presstime. They face a very busy schedule at presstime: Amherst Regional (undefeated) on Wednesday, May 8th; Classical, Friday, May 10th; East Longmeadow, Monday, May 13th; and Northampton, Tuesday, May 14th. "It was an excellent game with Longmeadow," said coach Cindy Grieve. "We mentally and physically stayed right with them until the sixth inning. Both teams did an excellent job defensively. The game could have gone either way."

Each team took turns getting out of big jams with sparkling defense throughout the emotional contest. Standing out for the Brownies were leftfielder Trish Landry and rightfielder Gina Letellier.

Also deserving heaps of praise was senior pitcher Darlene Vigano, who absorbed the loss. She whiffed

five of the hard-hitting Lancers.

In the bottom of the sixth, Longmeadow's Karen Flaherty walked. Lori Picard and Amy Blanchard quickly followed with singles (Blanchard's scored Flaherty). This brought Boehm to the plate and the game-clinching two-run triple.

Boehm then scored Longmeadow's fifth run on a fielder's choice before the Brownies retired the next

three batters.

Agawam had a chance to come-from-behind in the seventh, but Longmeadow's defense rose to the occasion to send the Brownies packing.

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Alan McClure of North Andover, in only three visits to Riverside Speedway, showed a crowd of 5,600 race fans that he could easily master the quarter-mile.

It is the toughest season of competition ever in the history of Riverside. Five different winners have scored victory at Riverside. McClure started the event in the fourth spot as Gary Barnes of Canton, Connecticut, led the first three laps of the action-packed event.

While a good battle was happening up front, a real scorcher was happening just into the top ten. Last year's rookie point leader, Ted Riggott of Hartland, and John Rosati of Agawam, were working their way to the front like gang-busters. Ken Bouchard, Reggie Ruggiero, S. J. Evonsion, Mike McLaughlin, Marty Radewick, and Ray Miller were changing positions on almost every lap.

By lap 25, McClure had set an impressive pace for the impressive field. Ruggiero had spun and pitted to come back even stronger, and Rosati had moved to third.

Riggott was now challenging for the front spot, when he met with the misfortune of breaking a tie rod end.

Rosati and Barnes ran bumper to bumper. Off turn two, Barnes spun, with the Nascar Flagman placing Rosati to the rear. This was not a popular call in the eyes of the race fans.

Still, the night had another surprise. Ken Bouchard was the next to bring out a caution after being hit in traffic. With less than seven laps to go, McClure showed he was more than your average contender. At the checker, Miller finished second in the Advance Design Cavalier; third went to Mike McLaughlin in the Malco Products Cavalier; fourth, Marty Radewick; fifth, S.J. Evonsion in the Diamond Construction Cavalier.

Rounding out the top ten were Bob Fuller, Rosati, Charley Jones, Frank Mnich, and Ruggiero. Mnich won the 340 Bonus. The event was sponsored by the Pup Tent Dog Grooming Shop of Springfield, with the heat winners receiving cash bonus awards. Heats were won by Ted Riggott, Ken Bouchard, Gary Barnes, and Stan Greger.

McClure was thrilled with his victory. "We have worked so hard. This is my first major Nascar win. I can't believe that I did it." McClure was rewarded with \$1000 for the win and special awards from the Pup Tent.

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Gary Fiormonti of Chicopee won his first Street Stock feature of the season for Teddy Bear Pools. Fiormonti lost an axle in the warm-ups, but held on in the green-to-checker event. It was a popular win with the fans.

Second in the Streets went to Tony Morehouse of Vernon, Connecticut. This impressive rookie fought off Dave Selleck of Sandy Hook. Fourth was Tim Barrett and fifth place was Wayne Thrall; sixth through tenth were Brian DaChunna, John Lobo, Dan Delena, Dan Lavoie, and Jim Mavlouganes.

Heats that received Pup Tent bonus money were won by John Lobo, Gary Fiormonti, Brian Crunden, and Stan Chmielewski. Fiormonti thanked his good friends and crew for their support in the win.

This week it's the Norgaard Machine 50 for the Nascar Modifieds, plus the Pro Stocks.

### BROWNIE SOFTBALL - From Page 35...

Sharon O'Keefe led off with a walk. Letellier then singled. Both advanced on a passed ball, putting runners on second and third with no outs.

However, Picard made a nice grab of a Shelly Gingras line drive and caught O'Keefe at third, stopping the rally.

"If Shelly's hit had gone through we really would have put the pressure on them," said Miss Grieve. "But, Picard made a good catch and that hurt us."

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The program consists of four qualifying heats of 25 cars with the winners (last car running) of each heat getting a chance to win the \$500 final.

Besides this, Riverside will add a representative from each heat to the feature as a fan's choice representative. This competition is selected with the use of an electronic applause meter.

Rules for the Demolition Derby are simple, and are based on an advance entry list (first-come-first-serve to fill entry in advance at office). Only full-size cars of two and four door models or station wagons are allowed. No convertibles.

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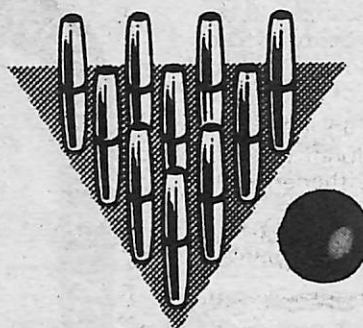
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## St. Lou, BC, Villanova Prepare For Roll-Offs

With only one week remaining in Round Three of the Tri-Parish Bowling League, St. Louis (1st place-33½ wins) continues to roll on. They will be the odds-on favorites in the grand championships on Monday, May 13th.

Boston College (2nd place-29 wins) has also received a playoff nod from league officials, who wanted three teams in the grand championships. The other team in the playoffs is Villanova, the Round One winners. St. Lou also were the Round Two champions.

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St. Lou really laid the wood to last year's grand champs, St. Anselm's (7th place-19 wins), four games to none. St. A's had difficulty all year long with consistent rolling, and were always digging themselves into a hole.

Winners for St. Lou were JOHN "Mudflap" MLINEK (283), "Rookie of the Year" candidate RENEE JURY (349), and FELIX PEPPER (300). Only St. A's captain VI MASSOIA (311) could stop a St. Lou roller. She defeated captain DEBBIE POIRIER (303). Vi was the only St. A's roller with a 300 pinfall. St. Lou had three. Enough said.

In a rollicking match pitting brother vs. brother, the MOCCIO boys, AL & BOBBY locked horns in an emotional, fired-up match. Although BC dropped Georgetown (8th place-18 wins) three games to one, the grudge match between the Moccio's stole the show.

Before this, BC winners included substitute BRENDA MLINEK (Mudflap's daughter-238), PAUL DEZIELLE (301), and MIKE O'CONNELL JR. (a whopping 331).

In the Moccio war, big brother AL fired a superb 364 to just nip Bobby. This one resembled the feud between J.R. & Bobby Ewing for bragging rights in the family. Bobby has stuck it to Al all season long, replacing him as the league's premier bowler. Al, nicknamed "The Fearsome One", came out like a dragon in this one. Was Bobby just being polite to his elder?

Loyola (6th place-20 wins) and playoff-bound Villanova (3rd place-22½ wins) split their match, two wins each. Winning for Loyola were DANA MARQUIS (269), SHARON WRIGHT (299), and captain EDDIE ANDERSON (334). The only winner for Villanova was jewelry expert RON HAMEL (302). He defeated his wife, BRENDA (265), who rolls for Loyola. Ron was not trying to pick-on his wife, just hit a 350 pinfall to put his average at 99. He was a bit short. As for our famous "Lordly Barber", FRANK "Don't Call Me Butch" RESCIGNO, his 300 pinfall vs. Anderson caused a little pain (big rivalry there), but he's just getting into shape for the playoffs.

Holy Cross (10th place-14 wins) stunned St. Michael (5th place-21½ wins), three games to one. HC has been a doormat all year. MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN of HC tied JANICE MOCCIO, wife of Al, 275-each. Actually, this was a horrible match all around. Enough said.

Catholic University (9th place-15½ wins) swept past Notre Dame (last place-11½ wins) to avoid having to face a possible last place finish of their own this round. CU, who has taken much grief from many teams this year, was led by LAURIE SMITH (272), JEAN BUONICONTI (292), RAY BARBIERI, that former AHS basketball bruiser flexed his muscles (316), and captain JIM SNYDER (327). Jim whipped ND captain BILLY COLSON (298). Bill said afterwards his club needs a real shot of adrenalin. That's an understatement!

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And finally, Fordham (4th place-22½ wins) was whipped by lowly St. Mary's (11th place-13 wins), three wins to one. AUNDREY PHILLIPS (278) and substitute captain STEVE ROVITHIS (303) led the winners. For the losers, KATHY CARVILL (269) and STELLA BARBIERI (256) were in the winner's circle. Fordham captain ANN O'CONNELL could post only a 285. Actually, this match was a real "bow-wow" too. One bright note: as a substitute for eight weeks with various teams, Rovithis has posted a fine 108 average!

## Scherpa, Moriarty Proud Of Finish In Westfield Canoeing

by Judith Kelliher  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Former Agawam resident Greg Moriarty calls himself a "thrill seeker."

The 26 year-old, who now lives in Russell, recently competed in the 32nd Annual Westfield River Wildwater Races. He, along with Agawam resident Billy Scherpa, finished an impressive third in the OC2-aluminum (canoe) expert division. They finished the 12-mile course in the 80-pound, 15-foot aluminum canoe in 1:42.

They received a third place plaque at an awards ceremony at the Strathmore Paper Company (Russell) after the race. According to Moriarty, he competes in the fast and furious wildwater race for the "thrill of it."

### Dangers And Thrills

"It's nice to be a part of an exciting event like the Westfield River race. I like to compete because of the thrills involved. There are some dangers involved, but that's part of the thrills," he said. The danger areas he referred to are at the Gorge Rapids, Boulder Patch Rapids, and the Hill and Dale Rapids.

These areas feature faster running water and many rocks, two tricky areas no matter how experienced a participant is. Participating in the expert division requires a great deal of concentration as well as physical stamina. After nearly two hours battling the rapids and handling the "danger areas," a team can get very physically drained.

"The race can be very physically demanding, not only in the parts where the water is fast, but in the flat areas, too. In order to make good time, you've got to paddle extra hard when the water is flat. It's a lot of hard work, but worth it," Moriarty said.

Moriarty maneuvered the canoe from the back, while Scherpa took the front. "The skill in controlling the boat is knowing the river and knowing which areas to be careful of. When I'm in back, I can see the length of the boat and I can help Bill with what to do," he added.

This is Moriarty's fourth year competing in the Westfield Wildwater Race. This was his best finish to date. In two of the four races, he competed in the novice division with his wife, Ellen, but at the 1985 race she was expecting a baby.

He and his wife moved to Russell five years ago and that's when they caught the racing fever.

"We live right by the river, so we got a close look at all the excitement involved. So, after the first year, we bought a canoe and have been competing ever since," said Moriarty. He expressed an interest in competing in canoe races besides the Westfield race. Although nothing definite has been set, the winning combination of Moriarty and Scherpa may be putting their talent and thrill-seeking attitude together in races this summer.

"There's a chance that we might race this summer, but either way, we're ready for next year's Westfield River race," he said optimistically.

## Richies Air Conditioning Stays Undefeated

Richies Air Conditioning Under 16 boys' soccer team completed first round play with a 2-2 tie against Ludlow United. Richies remains undefeated with an outstanding 4-0-1 record.

The locals played Ludlow United in Ludlow, always a tough task, as local youth soccer fans know. The first half ended in a scoreless tie, but Ludlow drew first blood in the second half with a "questionable" penalty shot. Richies rallied to go up 2-1 midway through the

half, but Ludlow came back to even the score.

As winner of the first round in the Red Division, Richies will face the Blue Division winner Saturday, May 11th, to determine who will be the PVJSL representative in the Regional Knockdown Tournament to be held May 18th and 19th in Westfield.

Game MVP honors went to Mike Malinoski and Claudio Mames.

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#### BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF AGAWAM

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, Thursday, May 16, 1985, at 7:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of ANTHONY CIRILLO who is seeking relief from Section 20, paragraph 47(a) of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the erection of a commercial storage building with less than the required setback clearance on the premises identified as rear of 1506 MAIN STREET.

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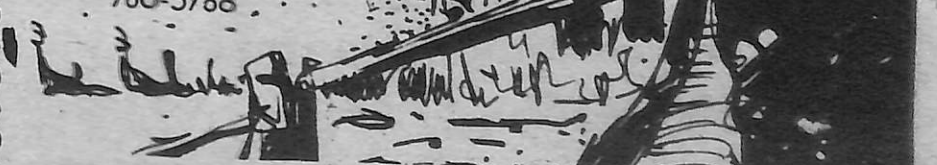
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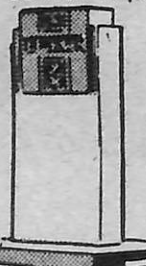
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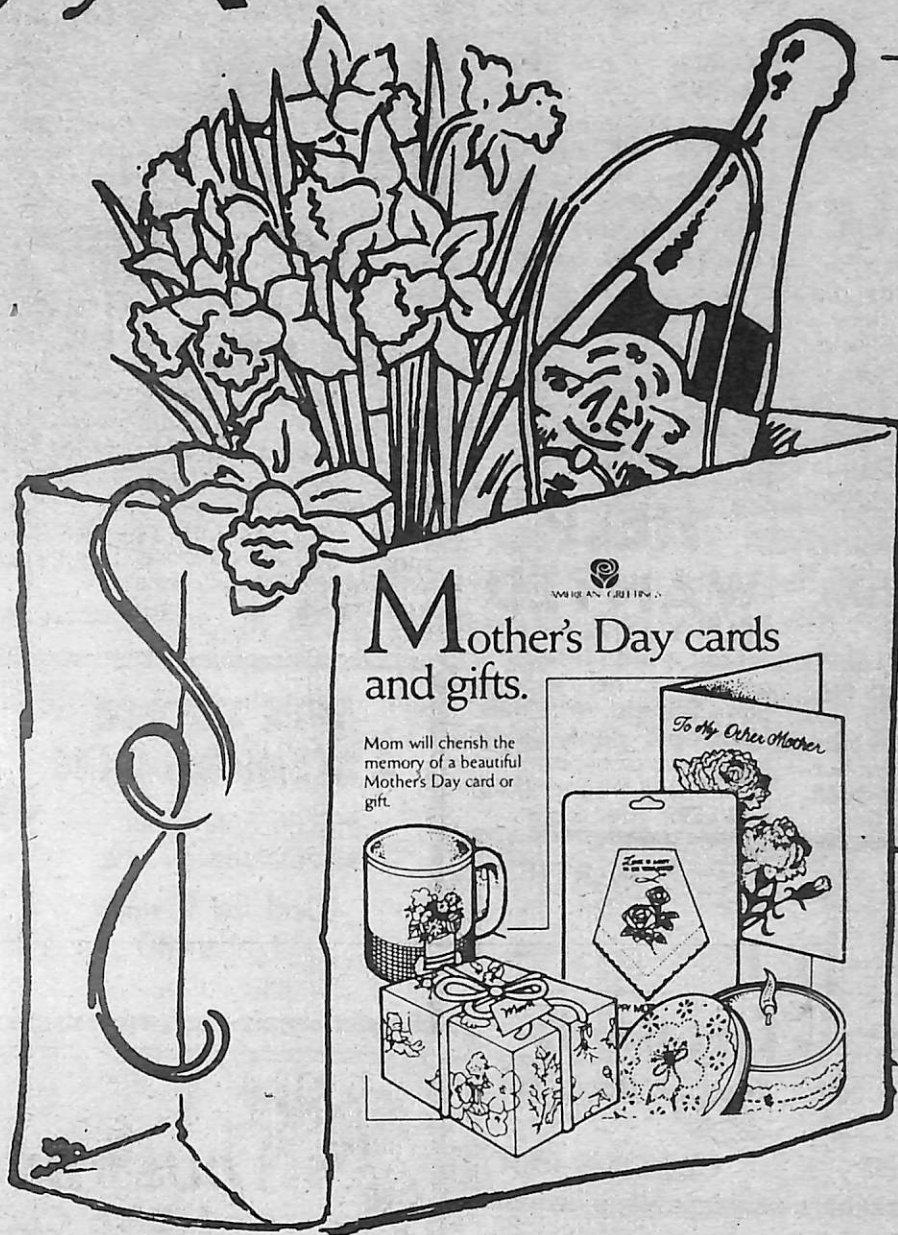
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